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PARTY: Crown Prince Fahd seen arriving for a dinner given in his honor by citizens of Jeddah. Prince Fahd had given a party to a number of citizens when he arrived in the city earlier this week.

Dutch celebrate, protest as Beatrix inaugurated

AMSTERDAM, April 30 (AP) — Queen Juliana handed over the Dutch throne to her daughter Beatrix Wednesday as protesters tried to disrupt the inauguration of the new monarch. Outside the ceremony, thousands of protesters clashed with police, and tear gas filled the air. Automobiles were set on fire. A mob of 2,000 marched into the downtown area determined to disrupt the inauguration in the church, attended by royal guests from 10 nations, including Prince Charles, the British throne. The march was led by 100 members of the women anarchist group, armed with bars and bicycle chains and with their faces painted white. Police tried to disperse the rioters with tear gas and water hoses. The youths cheered their support for Amsterdam's rioters, yelling: "No accommodation, no negotiation." Police said 20 officers were injured, five seriously. Dutch television reported at least 10 persons were injured. Earlier, a group of squatters took over a 10-story office building 3.2 kilometers from the city center and set up information stalls at a busy intersection. Riot police charged and drove the squatters back. A third loosely formed group also fought police trying to keep them from the inauguration site. Only a smoke bomb disrupted festivities in the square itself. Other demonstrators were kept away. During her afternoon inauguration, Beatrix broke precedent by declaring she would not celebrate her birthday, April 30, as the queen's day but rather adopt her birthday of Jan. 31. "Dear mother, today is your birthday. In gratitude for all we have received from you, this day in the future will continue to be linked to your wisdom, sympathy and love."



Former Queen Juliana



New Queen Beatrix

U.S. lawyer, TV men to discuss film

By Dave Kaiser
SAN FRANCISCO, April 30 — The U.S. situation on May 12 of *Death of a Princess* was discussed at a meeting on May 2 between representatives of WGBR television of San Francisco and Khaled Abdullah Tariq Mansour, a San Francisco lawyer. Mansour told *Arab News* that he has used the situation with the television station by phone and set up a meeting in London in order to discuss it further. He said he has also begun the legal process

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Bethlehem protests arrests

Palestinian groups to fight settlers

TEL AVIV, April 30 (Agencies) — Shops and businesses were closed Wednesday in Bethlehem on the Israeli-occupied West Bank to protest against the arrest of several students and school pupils by the Israeli authorities, Arab sources said. They added that the strike was against the decisions of the Palestinian National Guidance Committee, which has been coordinating all protests on the West Bank. The committee has decided to call a halt to the recent wave of strikes and protests. Palestinian Arabs of Ramallah and El Bireh meanwhile are forming vigilante groups to counter attacks by Jewish settlers. A Palestinian leader said Wednesday. The decision to organize the community groups followed a wind-shield-smashing rampage by Jewish settlers last week in retaliation for Arab stoning of Israeli cars in Ramallah, and a small demonstration of right-wing extremists in the town Monday calling on the Arabs to emigrate. "The military government cannot protect us, so we must protect ourselves," said El Bireh Mayor Ibrahim Tawil in a telephone interview. "The committees will use any means necessary. But we have no weapons." A group of Palestinian women gathered in a sit-in at the El Bireh city hall to protest Monday's demonstration by American-born Rabbi Meir Kahane. Kahane had sneaked into the town against military regulations, and distributed leaflets in Arabic which said, "Better Find Another Place to Live." "The military governor said he was also against Kahane, but in fact he acts against the Palestinians," said Tawil. He said the towns were forming street committees of about 10 persons on each block to act if the settlers should come. Settlers last week, enraged by the constant stoning of their cars when they drove through the town, through Ramallah and El Bireh during the night with hammers and rocks, and smashed windows of 24 cars and two houses.

Israel to use G.E. engines in jet fighter

TEL AVIV, April 30 (AP) — Defense Minister Ezer Weizman returned from the United States Wednesday with an American agreement to supply engines for a new jet fighter to be built in Israel. Weizman told reporters at Ben-Gurion Airport that there was an agreement "in principle with the United States for Israel to purchase general electric motors for its new Lavie plane. The Lavie, which is to be smaller and faster than Israel's Kfir jet, is slated to become the new workhorse of the Israeli Air Force by the end of the decade. Production of the new jet had been impossible without the American engine. Yosef Maayan, director general of the defense ministry, remained in Washington to conclude negotiations with G.E., while Weizman flew early to attend Palestinian autonomy negotiations starting Thursday in Herzliya. Weizman also said that Israel was now free to sell its Kfir wherever America sells arms. Because it has American parts, Kfir sales were previously subject to American approval. "This should open new avenues to us," Weizman said. In 1977, the United States blocked a planned Israeli sale of Kfir jets to Ecuador. Washington argued the Kfir was too advanced a weapon to introduce into Latin America.

Muskie nomination first stuns, then pleases

By Bob Lebling
Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, April 30 — When President Carter nominated Sen. Edmund Muskie of Maine to succeed Cyrus Vance as secretary of state, official Washington was stunned. Muskie, best known for his domestic role as chairman of the powerful Senate Budget Committee, has rarely been thought of in a foreign policy context. And his name was not among those most prominently mentioned as candidates for Vance's job. But by Wednesday, one day after his nomination was announced, there was a growing consensus in official circles that Carter's choice had been an excellent one — both a shrewd political move and an intelligent decision in terms of American foreign policy. Muskie is universally recognized as one of the most important and respected members of the U.S. Senate. As secretary of state, he would be able to rally Congress behind President Carter's policies with greater effectiveness than any of the recent holders of that cabinet post, analysts believe. One of Muskie's biggest supporters is the man he has been named to replace. Cyrus Vance once told a reporter here that in his opinion Muskie was "the best man in the Senate." The senator is regarded as a highly intelligent legislator who considers in depth all sides of an issue before making up his mind. He reads a tremendous amount of material on the issues before him, and hesitates to express a definitive opinion before he is sure of facts, congressional staffers say. Muskie has broader foreign affairs experience than is generally known. He reportedly immersed himself in foreign policy issues for his 1968 bid for the vice-presidency and his 1972 campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination. The senator has spent six years on the Foreign Relations Committee — from 1971 to 1974 and from 1978 to the present. His current subcommittee assignments include Africa, East Asia and the Pacific, and the Western Hemisphere. Muskie has held classic liberal views on major foreign policy questions. During his 1972 campaign for the presidency, he advocated strategic arms control, a boycott of South Africa, the setting of a deadline for withdrawal from Vietnam, maintenance of U.S. troop strength in Europe and stricter controls on defense spending. But recent developments in Gulf region have led Muskie to reassess — as Carter has — his traditional perceptions of Soviet intentions. Following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, Muskie said the "very country which borders the Soviet Union or its satellite must now lie alert to further Soviet adventurism." He added: "A dozen years of détente have been wiped out by a single act of international cannibalism." On Iran, Muskie has publicly acknowledged that the Iranians have legitimate grievances against the United States. Last February he said: "There is no question as a matter of record and a matter of history that the CIA was a party to the overthrow of Mossadeq and the enthronement of Pahlavi on the throne of Iran." "Now acknowledging that kind of fact is not a 'mea culpa' to me. Denying it would be to deny a historical truth."



SUDANESE: King Khaled receives Wednesday Sudanese Minister for Presidential Affairs Bahaudin Idrees who is visiting the country.

Iran prods Waldheim to probe U.S. mission

UNITED NATIONS, April 30 (AP) — Iranian Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh in a message issued here Wednesday, urged U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim to investigate the United States' military mission last week into Iran. He described the incursion, a failed attempt to rescue American hostages, as "military aggression" and a "shameless act of aggression." "I would like to call your attention," Ghotbzadeh wrote Waldheim, "to the responsibility of your office to investigate and expose acts of aggression against the state members of the United Nations." The U.N. Charter does not give the secretary-general any investigating functions. But the General Assembly and the Security Council occasionally have assigned him to make investigation. Ghotbzadeh did not ask for action by either of those bodies. Waldheim circulated Ghotbzadeh's May 1-dated telegram as a Security Council document by request of Iranian U.N. Ambassador Mansour Farhang, who forwarded it to him. Waldheim began efforts to get the 50 hostages released a few weeks after Iranian students Nov. 4 seized the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, where they have held the hostages ever since. On Monday, heads of government in the nine-nation European Economic Community, meeting in Luxembourg, urged that Waldheim "revive" his efforts to obtain the hostages' release. Waldheim's spokesman here, Francois Giuliani, said the secretary-general already had done that three days before the Luxembourg communiqué came out.

Turkey abolishes visas for Arabs

JEDDAH, April 30 (SPA) — Saudi Arabian nationals would not require visas to visit Turkey, it was announced here Wednesday. The Turkish Embassy in Jeddah said entry visas into Turkey for Saudi Arabian nationals were abolished as of April 25, 1980. The decision of the Turkish government is aimed at promoting economic, commercial and tourist relations between the two countries. Saudi Arabians are entitled to three months residence in Turkey under the new decision. During his press conference Ghotbzadeh alluded vaguely to Iraq as being behind the attempt. But Pars, the official Iranian news agency, blamed Iraqi authority Tuesday, stating one of the cars was found outside the Iraqi embassy in Kuwait and that its occupants had entered the embassy building. A Kuwait Interior Ministry statement said investigations are continuing while local press reports said these investigations are directed toward "a large number of suspects." Iraq and Iran have engaged in an escalating war of words and border skirmishes in recent weeks. Iran blames Iraq for supporting autonomy-seeking Kurds in Iran's Khuzestan province and Iranian leaders have vowed to overthrow the Iraqi leadership. Iraq has blamed Iran for two recent assassination attempts against senior Iraqi government officials in Baghdad.

French to supply TV relay stations

RIYADH, April 30 (SPA) — The Ministry of Information signed a contract Wednesday with the French firm L.G.T. for the supply and installation of 21 television relay stations. A spokesman for the Information Ministry said that the contract was signed up on the instructions of King Khaled to let the television transmission network cover the whole Kingdom.

Muskie nomination first stuns, then pleases Capitol Hill

Muskie is expected to follow Vance's approach in dealing with the Iranian crisis. While he supports Carter's attempt to rescue the American hostages, he is also known to favor a diplomatic, peaceful resolution of the crisis. On Arab-Israeli issues, Muskie has been less than outspoken. Political analysts believe this is because he has yet to study these issues in depth. Some observers predict that once he is fully briefed as secretary of state, Muskie will pursue a balanced approach to the Middle East conflict comparable to that of his predecessor. But Muskie's record on the Middle East over the years has been clearly sympathetic of Israel. During a visit to the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights, the senator is reported to have said: "If I were an Israeli, I wouldn't give them back." On the Senate floor, he voted in favor of the 1979 Javits amendment which restricted U.S. visas for PLO members.

Gunmen seize Iran's embassy

LONDON, April 30 (AP) — At least two gunmen — identified by police as Iranian Arabs — forced their way into the Iranian embassy in London, taking hostage a police guard and an undetermined number of embassy staff, Scotland Yard reported. Police who spoke to the intruders through the embassy door told reporters the gunmen said they were Arabs from southern Iraq who apparently seeking autonomy for the region, which they called "Arabistan." A police spokesman at the scene said the gunmen made "some demands," but did not elaborate. The senior Iranian envoy here, Charge d'Affaires Gholam Ali Afrouz, was believed to be among those held in the embassy, the British domestic news agency Press Association said. The mission has a staff of about 29 diplomats plus a number of non-diplomatic personnel. Witness said they saw a small number of men and women fleeing the building shortly before police arrived. The gunmen spoke to police through the door more than two hours after the 11:30 a.m. break-in, apparently upset at a radio report that they could be Iraqi. The discussions were conducted by several police officers wearing bullet-proof jackets. With them was a young dark-haired woman in a floral dress and police-issue blue bullet-proof jacket, who appeared to be acting as an interpreter. "They keep saying they are not Iraqi," the spokesman said. One hostage, a woman, was released five hours later and was taken out of the embassy on a stretcher and driven off in an ambulance. More than 70 policemen, including sharpshooters and members of the anti-terrorist squad wearing bullet-proof vests, ringed the building in London's prosperous Kensington district overlooking Hyde Park. Police would not say immediately whether they had negotiated the hostage's release or whether the gunmen volunteered to let her go. Deputy Assistant Police Commissioner John Dellow told reporters the gunmen had given no deadline and "the police are trying to establish through negotiations the secure release of the people with no violence."

Hussein plans Soviet visit

ABU DHABI, April 30 (Agencies) — King Hussein of Jordan has accepted an invitation to visit the Soviet Union, it was stated here Wednesday by a Jordanian official accompanying the king on a visit. The Jordanian monarch, who returned to Amman Wednesday, arrived here Tuesday night for an official two-day visit direct from a similar visit to Saudi Arabia. The official said Hussein's trip to Moscow would be "fairly soon," following the completion of his current tour of Arab capitals. The official declined to comment on recent Arab press reports claiming Hussein may seek to purchase Soviet weapons. Jordan has depended in the past on U.S. supplies weaponry and economic assistance. But Hussein's relations with Washington have cooled in the wake of the Camp David separate peace between Egypt and Israel. The Jordanian monarch has steadfastly rejected calls by the U.S. government to join the Camp David peace process and the talks for granting a measure of autonomy to the Palestinians of the West Bank.

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Saudi Arabians to learn from Chinese

Agreement calls for security training

By a staff writer

JEDDAH, April 30 — The Republic of China agreed to train Saudi Arabian personnel in police and security work, the Chinese Interior Minister said Wednesday.

Chuang-buan Chiu told *Arab News* that the training would take place by means of short or regular courses. The minister also said the two countries agreed that officials and officers of both ministries should exchange visits more frequently and at various levels.

Saudi Arabian personnel would be trained in various specialties according to the recommendations of the ministry, he added. "Taiwan — the island province of the Republic of China is one of the most peaceful countries in the region," Chiu said. "Social security is very good and

there are relatively fewer crimes than elsewhere."

Chiu added that the dissidents who were put on trial in Taiwan recently were accused of subversion that went beyond fair political opposition. "They tried to subvert the state and the regime," he said.

Nationalist China opposes the Soviet invasion and occupation of Afghanistan and could not foretell what might happen in the region because of it. "But I know that the Soviet Union is naturally aggressive and threatening," he said. "And it is up to the free world to resist and thwart this aggression through unity and solidarity in the face of such provocation."

At a press conference in Riyadh Tuesday Chiu said Saudi Arabia and China laid down a firm basis for cordial relations and solid cooperation in political, economic, technical and other fields. He said he had

fruitful talks with his host, Interior Minister Prince Naif and other senior officials connected with the reorganization of internal affairs of the two countries. His talks also covered the status of Muslims and he reaffirmed that his government gave special attention to its Muslim population.

Chiu said he admired the Kingdom's development plans and the security of the country which was the result of wise leadership and guidance, he told the conference.

Chiu arrived in the country on an official visit to return the visit made to the Republic of China by Prince Naif last year.

Prince Naif told newsmen last week that there was a wide scope for cooperation between the two countries in security matters. He said China has good training facilities. There are already Saudi Arabian



Chuang-buan Chiu

personnel training there.

During his visit Chiu had talks with government leaders and inspected the New Jeddah Clinic, which is manned by Chinese experts.

Mecca projects praised

Majed inspects new tunnels

MECCA, April 30 (SPA) — Governor of Mecca Prince Majed inspected the new tunnels and bridges in Mena Tuesday and said that such projects have transformed the face of the area that will appear to the millions of Muslims who will perform pilgrimage this year.

The Kingdom endeavors continuously to develop the holy sites and to make pilgrimage as easy as possible as the number of Hajjis increases every year, Prince Majed said.

He also thanked all persons engaged in projects in the holy places and urged them to complete any pending project for the convenience of pilgrims.

In the meantime, Abdul Aziz Ghandoor, director of the technical office of the Higher Committee for the Development of Mena, said that ten tunnels had so far been con-

structed, including six for pedestrians.

Soon, after the new budget is announced, five other tunnels, including one for pedestrians, will be built, Ghandoor said.

The pedestrian tunnel from Al-Moa to Mena — will particularly serve pilgrims arriving by road to park their vehicles on the Mena area, he added.

Moreover, the roof of a huge reservoir which one million cubic meters of water stored will soon be completed when starts during the coming financial year official said.

Huge expenses also are being added. Al-Jamarat area to accommodate more pilgrims; bus stops are being set up and 35 cars added to the width of King Faisal on both sides of Al-Jamarat, Ghandoor added.

Medical talks center on disease

RIYADH, April 30 (SPA) — The Fifth Saudi Medical Congress resumed here Wednesday to exchange views on new diseases in Saudi Arabia and how to incite more students to join the Faculty of Medicine.

The congress, which was opened Tuesday by Deputy Governor of Riyadh Prince Sa-

tam, is attended by 650 doctors in Saudi Arabia and 45 from abroad, including Glenham, the head of the Royal College Surgeons at Edinburgh, and 11 dean schools of medicine in Canada. More 186 researches were discussed Wednesday which 53 per cent are prepared by Saudi tors.

Group discusses future

Solar workshop concludes

By Gregory Llewellyn

DHAHRAN, April 30 — Speaking at a banquet for guests of the Solar Cooling Workshop, UPM vice-rector for academic affairs, Abdul Aziz Gwaiz, stressed the need for legislation to make building conform to solar standards and to overcome the psychological barriers which prevent people from accepting solar technology in their daily lives.

Such legislation was particularly pertinent for developing countries which suffer most from the increased cost of energy, said Gwaiz.

Yet despite their lying in the sun belt, these countries seem to benefit least from solar energy technology.

The vice rector cited such countries as Japan, where two million solar water heaters have been installed, as examples of wealthier nations of the world which have harnessed some of the potential of solar energy.

Nonetheless, he cautioned, "The possibilities are vast and we are merely scratching the surface."

The solar cooling workshop from 27-30 April at UPM has been sponsored jointly by the Saudi Arabian National Center for Science and Technology (SANCST) and the

United States Department of Energy.

Bringing together Saudi and American experts as well as participants from 14 developing countries, the workshop is one of 2 initial projects to be funded under the Saudi Arabian-United States Agreement for Cooperation in the Field of Solar Energy (SOLERAS).

Other such projects include setting up solar cooling test laboratories at four Saudi universities, one of which is UPM, where Dr. Mansour Nazer, chairman of the workshop, has been developing a ranking cycle system.

The 350 kilowatt photovoltaic electrical power generation facility at Al Uena-Jubaila, near Riyadh, construction of which has been contracted to Martin Marietta Corporation of Denver, Colorado, for \$16 million, is another of the initial projects to be undertaken by SOLERAS.

Selected as operating agent, the Colorado-based Solar Energy Research Institute assumes responsibility for providing overall management of all technical and financial aspects of SOLERAS projects.

Another SOLERAS project, a solar energy water desalination plant, has entered the final stage of project selection, with a multiple award for design anticipated in 1-1/2 months.

expressed pleasure for the works he witnessed in the exhibition which preserves the Saudi Arabian traditions.

Sheikh Sudairi donated SR20,000 for the society. The opening ceremony was also attended by other senior officials.

Saudi Comment

By Abdullah Omar Khayyat
Al Jazirah

I believe it will be a mistake on the part of anyone to think that the challenges of the present age could be confronted with abundance of capital or arms resources — even in the teaming millions! The challenges are so formidable that all these resources put together will fail to meet them.

But the same factors, and especially mankind, can successfully cope with any challenge with the help of a firm faith in God. It is such a power that cannot face any defeat, for God Himself has promised to help those who help Him.

Perhaps this is the point Interior Minister Prince Naif elaborated during a meeting at the Islamic University in Medina. During the dialogue with the audience, Prince Naif reaffirmed that the state with all its components is based on this faith. All its actions derive inspiration from faith. He stressed that there can be nothing more powerful than faith, which is the basis of everything and everyone is working to serve the faith.

All our cultural, educational and media efforts are guided by faith. The state's efforts

are centered on a faith that we feel honored to profess. The state's success in any endeavor is, in fact, a success of our faith, and any failure is, by all means, the failure of the implementing factors and not faith itself.

The minister was right when he said that faith is everything, and it is only through our faith that we shall win over everything, God willing.

WEATHER

Temperatures expected to drop in the central and eastern regions. In other areas the weather will be moderate.

Low and medium clouds will thicken in the central and eastern regions, and the western and south-western highlands with possible scattered rains.

Winds will be northerly and moderate in the northern, central and eastern region. They may cause sand haze.

Seas will be moderate.
Wednesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	37	25
Jeddah	31	25
Riyadh	39	24
Dhahran	37	22
Medina	36	25
Taif	32	20
Jizan	36	27
Hail	29	24
Turaif	24	12
Qaisumah	31	24
Sulayyil	40	22
Abha	26	13

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Fajr	4.34	4.27	4.00
Ishraq	5.56	5.45	5.27
Shuhr	12.25	12.26	11.57
Asr	3.46	3.53	3.23
Maghreb	6.49	6.53	6.24
Isha	8.19	8.23	7.54

Charity group opens exhibition

JEDDAH, April 30 (SPA) — Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sudairi, commissioner of Jeddah opened the exhibition of the Faisaliyya Charitable Women's Society here. Sheikh Sudairi inspected the divisions of the exhibition which comprised of models of the works of the members of the society. He

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Scientific research emphasized

University council weighs standards

RIYADH, April 30 (SPA) — The Higher Council of Saudi Arabian Universities met to discuss scientific standards, achievements and the educational standards of the Kingdom's universities.

The council met Tuesday with Minister of Higher Education Sheikh Hassan Abdullah Al-Sheikh, who is also chancellor of universities and vice-chairman of the Higher Council of Universities.

Dr. Mahmoud Safar, deputy minister of higher education said the council reviewed recognizing higher education certificates of Arab countries in the context of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Safar pointed out that the council requested the universities double their efforts in a comprehensive way, and give special attention to scientific research. The university is to try to link the researches with the practical problems facing development in the Kingdom.



Sheikh Hassan Abdullah Al-Sheikh

The council reviewed the issue of allowing foreign consultations for the members of the teachers' staff of Saudi Arabian universities.

Tala issues gold medals

Prince opens sport center

MECCA, April 30 (SPA) — The chairman of the Saudi Arabian Basketball Union Prince Talal bin Saud, Tuesday opened the children's basketball center here. Prince Talal praised the efforts of the General Presidency of Youth Welfare to develop and improve sports in the Kingdom.

At the end of the opening ceremony, Prince Talal issued golden medals and other gifts to the subscribers of the center.

Meanwhile in Jeddah, the short distance

open swimming and water ball championships began Tuesday at the covered swimming halls of the Youth Welfare Clubs, institutions and amateur centers are taking part in the competitions.

Two matches in water ball were played Tuesday between the Western Region team and the Central Region team, and the Western Region defeated the Eastern Region, 10-8 but the Western Region won against the Eastern Region 8-4.

Some exceptional promotions were approved for the teaching staff.

The members of the council are Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, minister of agriculture and water, Sheikh Hisham Nazer, minister of planning, Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wase, minister of pilgrimage and endowments, Sheikh Turki Al-Sudairi, President of the civil service bureau and rectors of Saudi Arabian universities.

Government educational authorities have continued to exert all possible efforts in building schools of different levels throughout the country, establishing new colleges and institutes in the main cities, preparing and training Saudi teachers, recruiting expatriate teachers and supporting educational institutions technically and administratively.

Within five years, budgetary allocations for education have risen nearly five-fold from SR3,760 million in 1394/95 to SR16,269 in 1399/1400. Of the allocations in the current fiscal year, SR7,629 million or 17 per cent is for the Ministry of Education, SR3,238 million or 20 per cent for the General Directorate for Girl's Education and SR5,402 million or 33 per cent for the Ministry of Higher Education and Universities.

The underlying objective is to expand the educational base with a view to support maximum student enrollment at elementary and intermediate levels and also make higher education accessible to every one who desires to have it and fulfills the basic requirements. Along with the expansion of educational facilities, efforts are also being made to improve the quality of education by upgrading educational curricula, improving educational methods and techniques and raising teaching standards through regular teacher-training courses and seminars.



ENVOY: Mecca Governor Prince Majed received Senegal Ambassador Chams Eddine Ndiaye in his office Wednesday.

BRIEFS

ARAR, April 30 (SPA) — A new telegram and telex training school was opened here Wednesday by Dr. Ibrahim Ubaid, the deputy minister of Post, Telegraph and Telephone. Earlier in the day, Dr. Ubaid was received by Prince Abdullah bin Musaada ibn Jeluwi, the governor of Ar Ar.

JEDDAH, April 30 (SPA) — Sudanese Secretary of State for Culture and Information Muhammad Osman Abu Saq left here for his country Wednesday after a two-day visit to the Kingdom. Abu Saq performed the minor pilgrimage during his stay. The Sudanese official was seen off at the airport by Ezet Mufi, director of foreign information department of the ministry.

DAMMAM, April 30 (SPA) — Bids for building five mosques which will cost SR5 million in the Eastern Province were opened here Wednesday. The mosques will be built in Abqiq, Khafji, Kasha, Safwa and Thaqba. Ibrahim Al-Sayed, director general of the endowments department in the Eastern Province said Wednesday. The bids were submitted to the Ministry of Pilgrimage and Endowments to consider awarding the contracts, he added.

TAIF, April 30 (SPA) — Cleaning week for Taif was officially opened by the Directorate of Education and other government departments. Special teams were formed by the Municipality of Taif to take part in the week.

Pay raises authorized by Saudia

RIYADH, April 30 (SPA) — Saudia Board met under the chairmanship of Prince Sultan, minister of defense and aviation and the chairman of the board, and approved pay rise for plane crews Tuesday.

Cap. Ahmad Mattar, director general of Saudia said after the meeting that the proposal for raising the salaries of the crew was approved in consistency with pay schedules of other airlines in the international market. Especially in this period when the national airline is on the verge of undertaking huge expansion in its fleet, which means employing a large number of European crewmen.

Saudia has prepared detailed studies on improving the pay of its employees generally, and creating incentives to attract qualified personnel.

The studies are in their final stages after which they will be submitted to the board for approval, Mattar said.

The council approved a proposal presented by Cap. Mattar to grant the employees incentives and memorial gifts to encourage them.

Folklore seminar opens

RIYADH, April 30 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman will open the fourth seminar on Saudi Arabian folklore Saturday. The seminar is organized by the Arabic language division of the faculty of arts at Riyadh University.

Poets and folk music bands from various parts of the Kingdom will take part in the four day event. The annual seminar aims at reviving the Kingdom's folklore, linking the past with the present.



INSPECTION: The Kingdom's Interior Minister Prince Nalf and Interior Minister for the Republic of China Chung-huan Chiu inspect a color guard in Riyadh.

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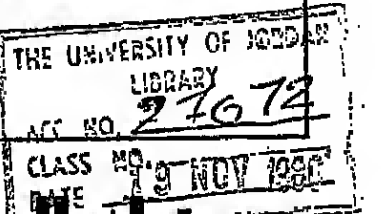
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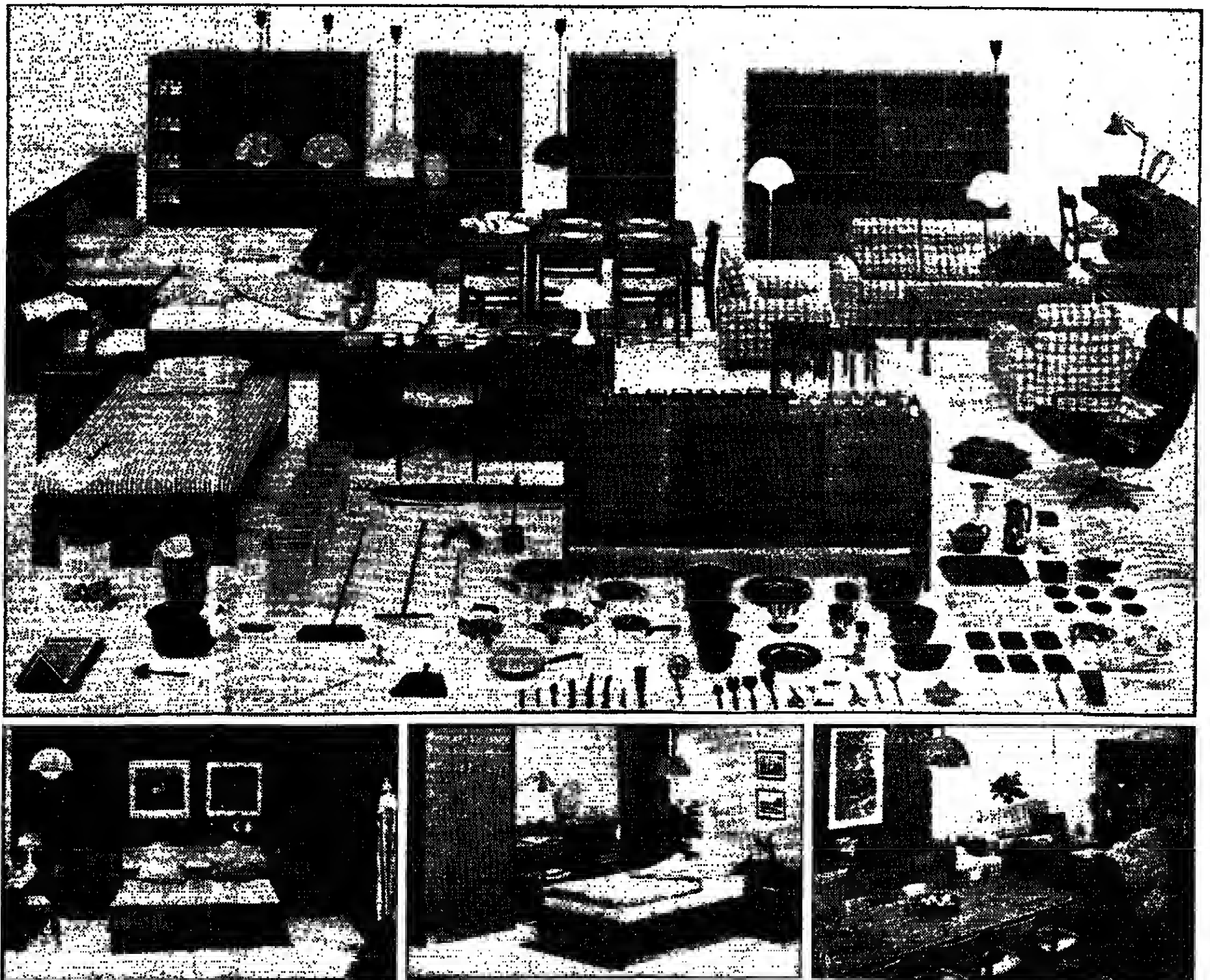
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Bani-Sadr, Kurds announce ceasefire

TEHRAN, April 30 (Agencies) — Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr and the main autonomy-seeking Kurdish guerrilla movement announced a ceasefire in the troubled Kurdish region from midnight, but residents in the war-torn city of Sanandaj said sporadic shooting continued early Wednesday.

The central committee of the Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP) urged all its guerrillas to cease hostilities from midnight "in order to prove good will and prevent a fratricidal war."

Presidential adviser Mozafar Patomeh said Bani-Sadr ordered the armed forces and revolutionary guards to respect the agreement as long as Kurdish armed groups observed the ceasefire.

The KDP said in a statement published by the official Pars news Agency that it had made the move "because of the need to unite all anti-imperialist forces in Iran in the present sensitive conditions and because a goodwill mission approved by the president is due to set out from Tehran to Mahabad tomorrow."

The residents in Sanandaj said news of the ceasefire had not yet been broadcast on local radio but they would observe it as soon as the army stopped shooting.

Heavy fighting has raged in several Kurdish cities, notably Saqqez and Sanandaj, for more than two weeks and up to 1,000 people are reported to have been killed.

The residents said Sanandaj was a shattered city with many buildings destroyed and corpses lying in the streets because nobody



President Bani-Sadr

could brave the shooting to remove them.

The KDP called in its statement for the publication of a six-point autonomy plan it submitted to Bani-Sadr for the Kurdish region, which it said he had approved.

Patomeh said in reply that the plan, which the president had approved with some amendments, would be announced in its final form very soon.

The presidential statement made no mention of the good will delegation referred to in the KDP announcement.

In another development, Iranian newspapers said a bomb exploded Tuesday in the revolutionary court building at Dezful in oil-rich Khuzestan province which borders on Iraq. No casualties were reported.

Another bomb wrecked a shop at Yazd in central Iran, wounding one person, the newspaper *Bamdad* reported here.

Four bombs exploded here in the capital on Sunday, killing seven and wounding a dozen.

Leftist workers strike in Turkey

ISTANBUL, April 30 (AP) — Thousands of leftist workers throughout Turkey staged wildcat strikes and slow downs Wednesday to protest an official ban on May Day demonstrations in major urban areas on Thursday.

The protest action by workers affiliated with the radical leftist DISK labor group crippled transportation in Istanbul, in the capital of Ankara and in Izmir, the site of a major NATO base on the Aegean coast. The DIS leadership was officially opposed to the actions, which were barred under martial law.

Demirel's envoy meets Qatar ruler

DOHA, April 30 (R) — Turkey's chief economic planner Turgut Ozal arrived Wednesday for talks with Qatari government leaders.

No details of his visit were available, but government sources said in Ankara Tuesday that his mission was possibly aimed at securing oil, credits and economic cooperation.

Ozal will also visit Saudi Arabia which in April last year gave Turkey \$250 million in

militant workers at private and public sector factories laid down their tools for a one-minute vigil to mourn 34 workers killed during a May Day rally in Istanbul's Taksim Square in 1977.

Authorities took extraordinary security measures in major cities in anticipation of politically-motivated disturbances.

May Day is officially called "Spring Day" in Turkey but leftist groups have been actively campaigning to change it to "Labor Day."

The official Qatar news agency said Ozal met the Ruler of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Ben Hamad Al-Thani, and handed him a letter from Turkish Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel.

The letter dealt with the boosting of mutual relations in political and economic fields the agency said.

Saad Haddad injured in mine blast

TEL AVIV, April 30 (AP) — The commander of the Israeli-backed rightist militias in southern Lebanon was wounded Tuesday when his jeep hit a land mine, and his forces retaliated by blockading the road to U.N. peacekeeping headquarters.

Israeli military sources said Maj. Saad Haddad, a renegade officer of the Lebanese army, was flown by Israeli air force helicopter

to Rambam hospital in Haifa after he suffered cuts in a chase after what he claimed Palestinian commandos infiltrated the narrow strip of territory he controls along Israel's border.

The incident marked a renewal of tensions in southern Lebanon, which had relaxed a week after two Irish U.N. soldiers were assassinated by Haddad's militia.

U.S., Egypt discuss military links

CAIRO, April 30 (AP) — U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense David McGiffert left here Wednesday following a 24-hour visit for talks with Egyptian officials the official Middle East News Agency reported.

During his stay McGiffert met with Vice President Hosni Mubarak, Defense Minister Gen. Kamal Hassan Ali, and Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Ahmad Badawi.

This is McGiffert's second trip to Egypt in

the space of three months. In February he came to relay the United States' decision to give Egypt \$2 billion worth of arms. The package includes the sale of 40 F-16 fighter planes and 244 M-60 tanks.

Gen. Ali said the talks with McGiffert dealt mainly with strengthening military cooperation between Egypt and the U.S.

Ali recently visited the U.S. and met top defense department officials.

Gen. Zia arrives in China tomorrow

PEKING, April 30 (AFP) — Pakistani President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq would begin a "goodwill visit" to China on May 2, the New China News Agency announced Wednesday. It did not say how long the visit

would last.

Since the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, China has repeatedly described Pakistan as the "next target" of Kremlin "aggression."

U.N. agency urges aid for Lebanon

UNITED NATIONS, April 30 (R) — The U.N. Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) has appealed to all governments to contribute to the reconstruction and development of Lebanon, still suffering from the effects of the 1975-76 civil war.

In a resolution adopted without a vote, Tuesday, ECOSOC also called for help from

U.N. specialized agencies and other programs within the U.N. system in a position to provide it.

Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim was requested to continue to render support and assistance which could be mobilized within the U.N. system to help the Lebanese government in its reconstruction and development plans.

Iraq, Jordan ponder joint projects

AMMAN, April 30 (R) — A high-level Iraqi delegation led by First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan arrived here Wednesday for talks on possible joint projects with Jordan.

The delegation, which includes Minister of Commerce Hassan Ali and the Minister of Housing and reconstruction Muhammad Fadhel Hussein, is expected to hold talks with Jordanian Prime Minister Sharif Abdel-Hamid Sharaf and other cabinet ministers. The talks will also deal with bilateral relations described by Jordanian officials as excellent.

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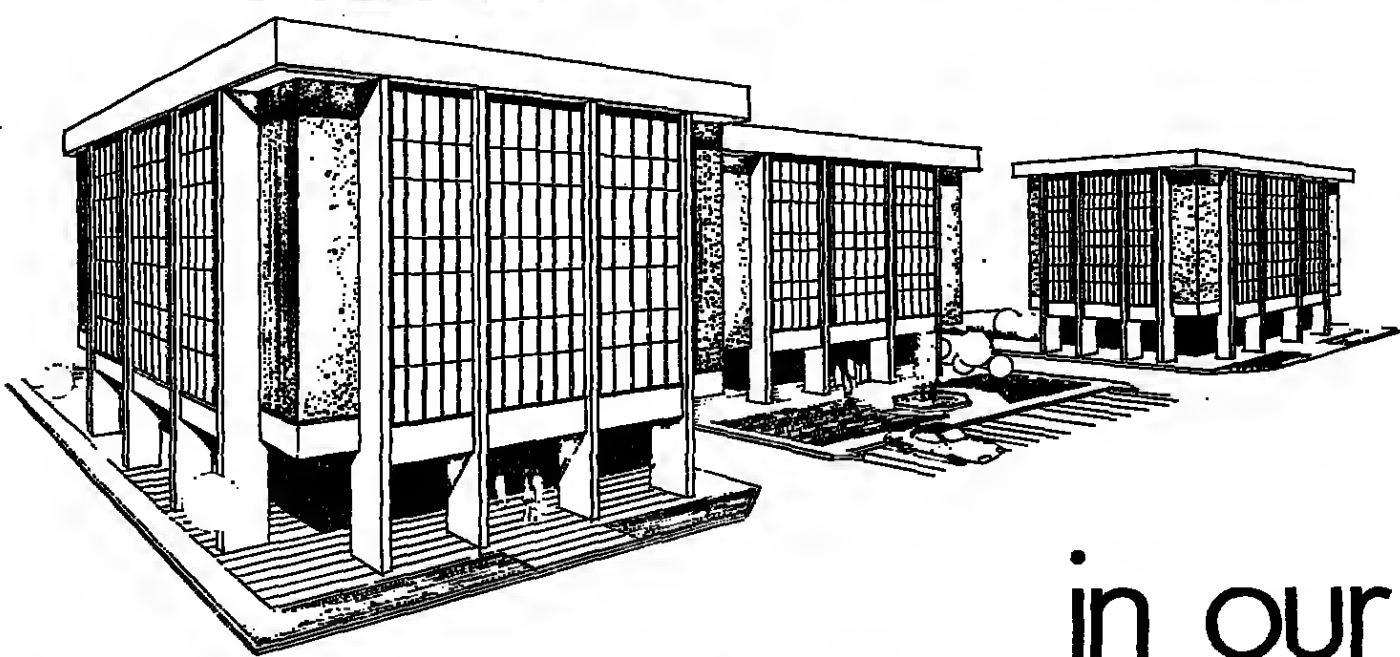
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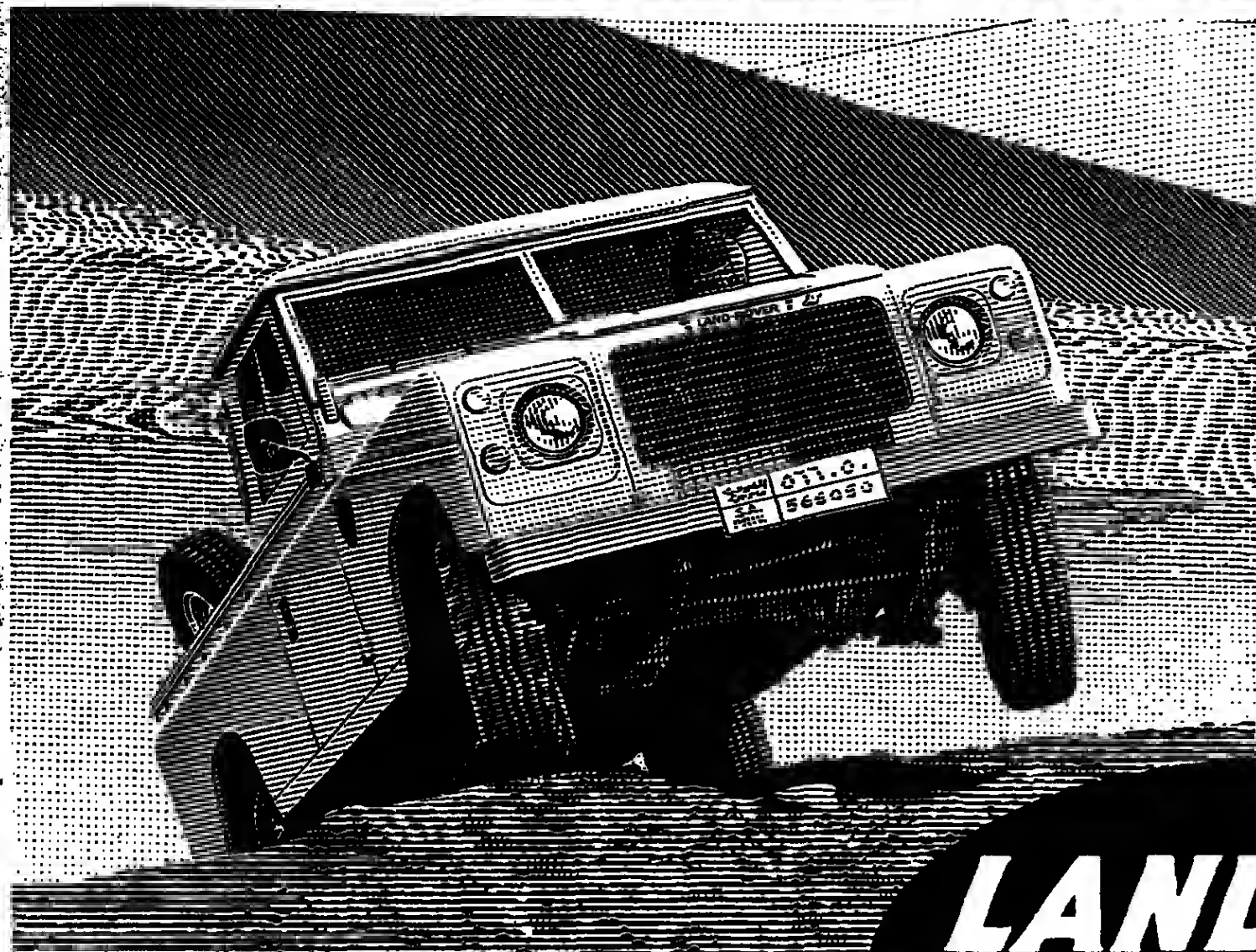
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U.N. panel cites progress on human rights

By Jerome J. Shesack

PHILADELPHIA —

In a remarkable advance, the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, which met in Geneva recently, made more progress on human rights measures than at any session in recent history.

When the commission's proceedings started, most observers thought that the tense, uncertain international atmosphere would cast a cold-war pall over meetings, leading to a session of frustration and inaction. Instead, the commission took a series of initiatives that speaks well for the health and vigor of the international human rights movement. Some of the more significant actions were as follows:

First, a working group of independent experts was established to deal with the thousands of cases

of missing and disappeared persons. The need for this arises especially from the egregious human rights abuses in Argentina where thousands of people have been abducted by government or paramilitary forces, never to be heard of again. Other countries, too, engage in this abominable practice. This is the first time that the commission has passed a resolution to set up machinery to investigate such cases and to try to deal with them.

Second, the commission, in an unprecedented action, extensively debated the suppression of dissidents in the Soviet Union. The debate was spurred by the internal exile of Andrei D. Sakharov as part of the current Soviet attempt to purge and silence its remaining human rights activists. The Sakharov case and its ramifications was aired for three days and the commission retained the subject on its agenda as a priority item, much to the displeasure and discomfort of the Soviet delegation.

Third, the commission also condemned the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, focusing on the human rights abuses and interference with self-determination caused by that aggression.

Fourth, another resolution denounced human rights violations by both the former Pol Pot regime and the current rulers of Cambodia, and set up a role as watchdog over such violations for the U.N. secretary general. A companion resolution set in motion machinery to address human rights violations that result in mass exoduses of refugees anywhere in the world.

Fifth, the commission recognized the importance of human rights spokesmen and adopted a resolution to enlarge international protection of their right to speak out. This was a particularly significant move in view of the repression in Eastern Europe of groups monitoring human rights.

Sixth, in closed session, the commission for the first time took up in detail specific human rights abuses in 11 countries, showing a willingness to extend the commission's concern further than ever before.

These and other human rights measures became possible through a coalition of Western and various nonaligned states. Together, they were able to override the Soviet bloc's previously successful tactics of forestalling effective human rights action. It was striking that not one Soviet-led initiative

succeeded while every human rights measure introduced advanced; of even greater significance, the advances were not achieved through use of cold-war rhetoric but rather as an affirmation of human rights concerns.

What became clear is that human rights is far from a passing fad; on the contrary, it has an increasingly wide appeal. The significance of the recent overthrow of repressive rulers in Uganda, the former Central African Empire, Iran and Nicaragua was not lost on the nations at the commission. An additional factor in the advance of human rights resolutions has been the increased democratization in a number of Third World countries.

A highly encouraging development is that the human rights leaders at the commission are no longer from the West alone. Forceful leadership by various delegates from Third World nations, including the commission's chairman, Walid Sadi of Jordan, was instrumental in shepherding the human rights measures through the proceedings.

The U.S. delegation had clear instructions to carry out the commitment to human rights of President Jimmy Carter.

At a time when human rights seem overtaken by concerns of realpolitik it is reassuring to have the commission firmly assert the continued relevance of human rights on the international agenda. (NYT)

STRANGE BEHAVIOR

Observers were unsurprised at the widespread support among the American public for the military attempt at rescuing the hostages held in Iran — even though it ended in failure. It is probable that the support will intensify, and will widen to include opinion in other countries, following the filmed reports of Ayatollah Khomeini rummaging with a knife through the plastic bags in which the remains of the American soldiers killed in the operation were placed.

The Iranian leadership has been behaving as though President Carter was pursuing an unpopular policy as he increases the pressure on Iran. In fact, what has been unpopular until now was his caution in handling the affair. The Iranians also seem to think that America is isolated in its effort to release the hostages. That is why Iran has unleashed a diplomatic campaign around the Islamic world and the Third World generally. In fact, most of the world looks at Iran's intransigence with apprehension, realizing the dangerous situation it has created in the area. The countries around the Gulf are especially worried. An armed confrontation in the Gulf will be costly for them both in military and economic terms. What they really want is a quick and peaceful end to the crisis.

The key to the solution is still in Iran's hands. Yet the country's leadership is inflexibly committed to the dangerous course it has been following so far — dangerous not merely to Iran but to the world as a whole. That same leadership has been following regional and international policies which have brought upon the country the enmity of many governments in the area and outside it.

The Arab countries have been especially hopeful that the departure of the former Shah would herald a new era of understanding and cooperation between them and Iran. These hopes were soon disappointed. The relations with Iraq is especially a case in point. Here the behavior of the Iranian leadership has been to put it mildly, extraordinary. It has seen fit to propagate totally unfounded reports of a military coup in Iraq and the death of that country's leader and to insist on such reports.

EUROPE DELAYS M.E. BID

The countries of the European Common Market have fallen into the same error as that of the United States, in which the major crisis of the Middle East, that revolving around the problem of Palestine, appears secondary in relation to the other problems facing the world today. The European summit in Brussels has shown this most clearly. It has come to an end without deciding anything about the long awaited "European initiative": so preoccupied it was with the technicalities involved in the economic relations among the member states. The world was looking at Europe for a new push toward peace. But Europe was too busy debating the limits of fish catches in Community waters, and the comparative price of British to French lamb.

Aside from these matters, the summit gave priority to the American-Iranian crisis and then the situation created by the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, with the question of Palestine a very poor third. Indeed, the European stand on Palestine appeared to have regressed. Not only no new "initiative" was forthcoming, the summiters decided to delay taking a decisive stand on the issue until after May 26, when the Egyptian-Israeli "autonomy talks" are due to be concluded. Worse, they also said that they will then work with the United States to continue the momentum of the (American) "initiative." The hope for an independent and vigorous European intervention against the moribund Camp David "peace process" has therefore been more or less laid.

The Arab world was recently encouraged by the resolution passed by the European parliament in Strasbourg, in which the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, including the right to a homeland, were recognized. Yet the summiters did not choose to follow this through, preferring to postpone the matter to the coming summit, due to be held in Venice next June. The Iran and Afghanistan crises afforded an excellent cover for their dilatoriness. But Europe ought to realize that delay will only increase tension in an already dangerously tense area: and that Europe stands to lose a great deal if the situation deteriorates to the point of explosion.

Airbus' new challenge to U.S.

By Bill Sweetman

LONDON —

Europe's Airbus Industrie airliner-building consortium, the most powerful challenge in years to U.S. dominance of the market, is approaching a vital decision on its next major product.

The consortium wants to build a new airliner to consolidate its position in the 1990s, but has yet to decide what market bracket it wants to attack.

Airbus Industrie's main plans, those of the largest aircraft companies in Britain, France and Germany, are feeding components at an increasing rate to the final assembly line at Toulouse in southern France.

The consortium is delivering three of its 250-seat A300 short-to-medium range jets a month, but by 1985 the rate will be up to 10 a month, including the new 200-seat A310 version and an improved version of the called the Dash 600.

From a desperate sales position in the mid-1970s, Airbus has fought back to a point where it will be the world's second biggest airliner manufacturer by

1985. The sales battle is intense, particularly with Boeing: the U.S. company's new 767 is a direct rival to the A310.

So far, the market has been divided geographically, Airbus dominating Europe and Boeing the U.S. Airbus hopes of capturing more airlines in the U.S. — in addition to Eastern, which bought A300s in 1978 and is expected to order more this year — took a severe blow with the loss of an expected TWA order last year.

The falling dollar has helped Boeing compete on price with the European aircraft, and at the end of March Boeing made its first 767 sale to a European airline, British charter operator Britannia Airways. Clearly Airbus cannot afford to relax.

Airbus has to choose one of three roads, in the knowledge that to select any one of them will be to leave the other two markets wide open to the United States for at least five years.

One of the two projects attracting most interest now is a 350-400-seat stretched version of the A300, designated TA9. (OFNS)

Queen plans Romania visit

By Andrew Mackenzie

LONDON —

Queen Elizabeth is likely to visit Romania as the guest of President Nicolae Ceausescu — the first visit of a British monarch to an East European Communist country.

The queen is understood to have conveyed her wish to accept Ceausescu's invitation when the Romanian ambassador, Petre Popa, paid a farewell visit to Buckingham Palace recently before returning home after a stay in London of more than seven years.

Arrangements will be finalized after the arrival of the new ambassador, Vasile Oliga, next month. The visit is likely to take place in the second half of 1981 or the first half of 1982.

The invitation follows the successful state visit of Ceausescu to Britain in June 1978. He was the first Communist head of state to stay at Buckingham Palace.

The queen's proposed visit will last one week and will include trips to the Black Sea coast and to resorts in the Carpathian mountains, including Brasov in Transylvania, which was raided by Blad the Impaler. Novelist Bram Stoker based the

character of Dracula on Blad. She is also likely to visit the five medieval painted monasteries of Moldavia, which are among the architectural treasures of Europe.

The Romanians, knowing the queen's fondness for racing, are also expected to arrange a visit to a meeting.

Relations between Britain and Romania have been particularly cordial in recent years. The Romanians regard Britain, as their principal partner in the West, ahead of the U.S. and France. Britain, on the other hand, appreciates Romania's nonaligned approach to international affairs.

Lord Carrington, the British foreign secretary, toasted British-Romanian friendship at a reception in London in February to mark 100 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries. In March he visited Romania to seek the president's support for the neutralization of Afghanistan.

Along the Warsaw Pact countries, Romania did not vote in support of Russian intervention in Afghanistan at a U.N. debate.

British Prime Minister Mrs. Margaret Thatcher will meet the Romanian Prime Minister Ilie Verdeț, before the queen's visit but whether this will be in London or Bucharest has not yet been decided. — (OFNS)

Irish demand right to divorce

By Dermot McEvoy

DUBLIN —

Demand for divorce in the Republic of Ireland has become so strident that neither government nor opposition will be able for long to ignore it.

A newly formed Divorce Action Group in Dublin has, with a minimum of publicity, already won hundreds of adherents from all political parties. Further ginger groups are planned for Cork, Limerick and Galway.

Mrs. Maire Bates, a lawyer and widow involved in community advisory work, is the prime mover. "It has snowballed," she says. "The group was formed out of a chat in a pub on the cruelty of the constitutional ban on divorce. We booked a room for 50 in Liberty Hall and 200 turned up. We have been deluged with letters of support from all over the country and not always from people immediately affected."

The Irish Republic shares with the pocket bandkerchief republic of San Marino in Italy, the distinction of being the only country in the West that prohibits divorce: all that Irish law allows in cases of

adultery and persistent cruelty is separation. There can be no remarriage.

No statistics are available of the number of broken marriages in Ireland. The government declined to allow the category "separated" to be noted in the last census of population; only married, single or widowed could be counted.

The last figures available relate to 1976, when the Deserter Wives Register revealed that 5,000 women and 7,000 children were involved.

Mrs. Bates said: "The no-divorce situation has led to chaos. Until recently a woman who had left her husband and gone to live with another man could register children in her new partner's name."

"Not any more; such children are now presumed to be the children of the husband she parted from even years before. "Where second relationships break up, as is happening in hundreds of cases, the woman gets neither the deserted wife's allowance nor a widow's pension. It is heart-breaking."

The action group is conscious that the ban on divorce is a bar to a united Ireland as divorce is now readily available in Northern Ireland. — (OFNS)

saudi press review

Most Newspapers Wednesday with King Khaled's talks with King Hussein of Jordan on Arab and international issues. In a lead story, *Al-Jazirah* reported an abortive attempt on the life of Iranian Foreign Minister Sadeq Ghotbzadeh in Kuwait. *Al-Riyadh* played, as its lead story an attack by two U.S. Phantom jets on an Iranian patrol plane over the Sea of Oman. It further highlighted a report that the bodies of eight Americans killed in the failed military venture in Iran will be handed over to authorities in Zurich.

Newspapers frontpaged the abortive attempt on the life of the Iranian foreign minister, quoting Kuwaiti sources as saying that two suspects were detained. In a front-page story, *Al-Riyadh* predicted that President Jimmy Carter's national security adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, was the likely man to succeed Cyrus Vance in the post of U.S. secretary of state.

Al-Nadwa highlighted on its front page Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr's reaffirmation that the abortive American military action was aimed at regaining domination of Iran. It also gave prominence to Israel's refusal to negotiate its control of the West Bank of the Jordan and the Golan sector. The Nationalist Chinese in prior minister's appreciation of King Khaled's role boosting Islamic solidarity and supporting the principles of freedom and justice figured prominently on the front page of *Okaz*, the paper also highlighted Mecca Governor Prince Majed's inspection tour of the Pilgrimage sites in Mecca to acquaint himself with projects being implemented there.

Newspapers also played as a front-page story the Saudi Arabian government's decision to suspend the Korean construction firm Hyundai for two years for activities detrimental to the interest of the state. The firm was also fined SR300 million, the papers reported.

In an editorial on King Hussein's brief visit to Riyadh, *Al-Medina* said the Jordanian monarch's talks with the Saudi Arabian leadership have been taken place at a time when the Gulf region is gripped with tension. The paper said the current events give weight to Saudi Arabia's persistent call for Islamic solidarity, and added that every Muslim ought to extend fullest cooperation in the best interests of the Islamic nation.

Dealing with Saudi-Jordanian talks, *Okaz* said these talks will directly contribute to joint Arab action toward the realization of peace and justice which are the noble objectives of the nation. The paper said the relations between the two Kingdoms are idealistic. The nations agree on Arab and international issues, it said. The meeting between the

monarchs reaffirms the close links of love and solidarity existing between the two countries and boosts joint struggle for the restoration of Arab rights, the paper said.

Dwelling on Iran, *Al-Riyadh* said that internal rifts in the country, its tense relations with Iraq and an abortive attempt on the life of the Iranian foreign minister in Kuwait will be detrimental to the interests of the states of the region. The paper added that the states of the Gulf, especially Iran, must realize the explosive situation in the light of current events. They ought to adopt a clear political stance in order to save the region from further tensions, it said.

In an editorial on Soviet policy, *Al-Jazirah* said it was a matter of regret that the Soviets have concentrated all their concern on exploiting the U.S.-Iranian hostility which sprang after the Iranian revolution. The paper added that the Soviet have tried to project themselves as supporters of the Iranian revolution and allies of the Iranians against the Americans.

The paper viewed that, instead the Soviets ought to have risen above self interest and worked for world peace and security. They should have felt the need for using all their good offices with the international community with a view to bringing about a formula for a peaceful settlement of the U.S.-Iranian conflict, the paper said.



Community News

JEDDAH

SHAHRAZAD RESTAURANT was the choice for a luncheon arranged by the new Executive Committee of the *Pakistan Ladies Group* last Sunday to thank and honor the outgoing Committee. More than forty members of the Group were present and enjoyed the excellent curried food, perfect service and regal atmosphere. The outgoing Committee members were pleasantly surprised when Mrs. Saqib Khan, wife of the Pakistani Ambassador and Honorary President of Group presented them with silver dishes as a gift on behalf of the Ladies Group in appreciation of their services.

THE INDIAN EMBASSY in Baghdad was bustling with activity last Monday evening on the occasion of the *Indian Food Fair* organized as a joint venture by the Embassy and the Indian Tea Board. The Fair was a great success as more than fifteen hundred people turned up. By the end of the evening, almost all the food was sold out. The most popular dish seemed to be 'Biryani' (Mutton with rice). Iced tea which was served free for sampling had a great cooling effect after the hot food!

A day earlier, on Sunday, in the absence of the Indian Ambassador, the Charge d'Affaires A.I. and Mrs. Sharma gave a *Tea Reception* where the guests had the chance to taste the new iced tea drink in the lawn of the residence. The main subject of discussion at the reception was Jeddah weather, which continues to cooperate this year.

THE JAPANESE NATIONAL DAY was celebrated on Tuesday at a reception hosted by the Japanese Ambassador and his charming wife. The function was attended by a large segment of diplomats, local dignitaries and others. Members of the embassy and their wives took great pains to look after the guests and there was a large variety of Japanese dishes. All in all it was a very enjoyable evening, and the first big function organized by the recently arrived Japanese Ambassador.

THE GOURMET CLUB last Monday not only learned recipes and enjoyed *STEFANIA MUTABAGANI's* delicious ice cream in two different flavors, but also had a chance to visit her Kindergarten school. The School has sixty children of pre-school age who under trained teachers get excellent training in prepara-

tion for regular school. The medium of instruction is Arabic and English.

TOTOP OFF a very busy social week in Jeddah, there were several farewells for the outgoing German Counsellor *Werner Krebs* and his wife *Katharina*. The Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany Mr. *Vestring* held a farewell reception in their honor at his residence Wednesday evening. Mrs. *Vestring*, who is presently in Germany was missed by the large number of friends and guests who turned up to say goodbye to the Krebs.

Among the other colleagues bidding au revoir to Werner this week were *Eugene Boris* Counsellor of the American Embassy and his wife who held a dinner at their residence last Thursday.

The Krebs leave Jeddah on May 6 en route to taking up their new post in Washington D.C.

DHAHRAN

THE GULF WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION held a *Charity Bazaar* this past week at the Al-Gosabi Hotel. Opened by the Mayor of Khobar, *Ibrahim Al-Thamyan*, 100 people visited it the first hour it was open. The bazaar featured work made by the ladies in the society: stringcraft, handmade silk flower arrangements, straw fans and mats, priests by *Nabila Bassam*, and thobes were on view.

The 10-year-old Association works to further social services in the area, and spearheaded the Preschool Education here. It uses the Montessori method in its nursery school. It also offers classes in English, Arabic, typing and sewing, and the stitching on view fine indeed, a tribute to the training provided by the group whose president is *Budriyya Al-Dulajin*.

WHAT BETTER WAY to spend and idle Friday afternoon than in enjoying a concert of live music? The *Octopus* (or "Octopus," as its members who played 8 pieces fondly call it) offered an afternoon of Baroque music to their friends at the home of *Normal and Anna Lusa Gough*. Selections from Telemann, Legrenzi, the Dutch master Keller, and Bonattini were played, since this was the only sheet music from the period available locally when the musicians first joined forces in February.

The highlight of this musical afternoon was the hauntingly beautiful Arab music solo on violin. The group plays this Thursday to a Schlumberger audience on Khobar.

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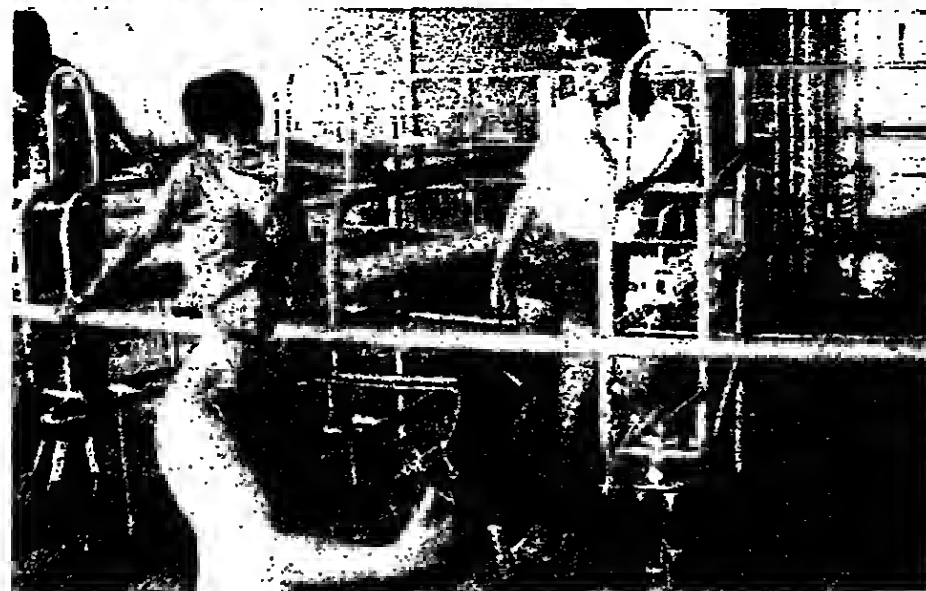
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MOTHER: A five-minute old calf is licked clean by his mother.



MILKING TIME: Children stand on a rotary platform that is used during the milking of cows. Morrison Johns demonstrates the sucking action of the machine.



FACE-TO-FACE (?): A student and a cow stare each other down during a trip for children of the Dhahran Academy to a dairy farm owned by Sheikh Abdullah Al-Matroud.

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JEDDAH

THE BRITISH COMMUNITY WIVES hold their next coffee morning at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 5, at the ambassador's garden.

CAROLINE HAFNER, performs for the *Jeddah Concert Committee's* final presentation in the 1979-1980 season. Proceeds from the event will go toward the purchase of a grand piano for next year's season. Since the concert is regarded as the committee's major fund raising effort for the season, tickets will cost SR100. The program includes selections from Chopin, Liszt and Rachmaninoff. Thursday night's performance begins at 8:30 p.m. in the Continental School.

JEDDAH FINE ARTS SOCIETY will present the annual exhibition of works by resident international artists at the *Redes Plaza* from May 4 through 8. The exhibition is open to ladies from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the general public from 5 to 10 p.m.

MARILYN JAMIESON, wife of Australia Trade Commissioner Charles Jamieson, holds her monthly get together for *Australian women* living in Jeddah on Saturday. The gathering will take the form of a coffee afternoon at Marilyn's home and all Australian women are welcome to attend. The function, held regularly on the first Saturday of the month, starts at 3 p.m. Anyone wishing to attend should call Marilyn at 673382.

THE SAUDI ARABIAN NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY meets at the USGS compound off Medina Road adjacent to Spinzer's Restaurant, at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 3. *Dr. Hussein Abdul Fathi* will speak on Desert Ecology and a film on the Red Sea will be presented by *Don Cheeseman* afterwards. The General Public is welcome. For non-members fees are SR10 per visit, and a one-year membership, which includes the entire family, the cost is SR60.

RIYADH

A KARATE DEMONSTRATION will be held from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Friday, May 2 in the Riyadh InterContinental Hotel by *Goju-Ryu*. In addition, grading for the yellow belt will be conducted by examiner *Teoh Choo Chung*, 2nd dan. The demonstration is open to the public.

BEDUIN LIFE IN SAUDI ARABIA is the topic of a lecture by *Dr. Taha Al Farra* at 8 p.m. Monday, May 5 in the Culture Tent of the Arabic Language Institute near Washam St. For additional information call 29941.

DHAHRAN

SEVEN TEAMS will participate in the *International Arabian Basketball Tournament* at the University of Petroleum and Minerals Gymnasium May 1-2. Each team will play four games.

Teams consist of expatriate players with the exception of one made up of UPM students. Play begins at 9 a.m. Thursday with finals set for 5:30 p.m. Friday. The University gym is in building 11 on the UPM campus.

A HOME ELECTRONICS AND APPLIANCES EXHIBITION will be held at the Al-Gosabi Hotel, Khobar, from May 3-11. The show is open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Entry is free.

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Or: How a Holstein education is no bull
Dhahran children go ape over cows

By Jean Grant

DHAHRAN — Kids and cows go together. Nursery rhymes about cows jumping over the moon, playground chants like — "I never saw a purple cow/I never hope to see one/But I can tell you anyhow/I'd rather see than be one" — tell of this affinity.

Thirty children from Dhahran Academy entered the world of the moo-cow at the National Dairy farm 40 miles northwest of Dhahran. It was the first time some of the children had ever seen a cow, while for others it was a nostalgic reminder of home.

The children, who come from the four corners of the globe, are all enrolled in the English-as-a Foreign Language program at the Academy, which has an American-oriented curriculum. Perhaps these children had a special sympathy for the cows, who also

come from an alien environment. All 180 of the Friesian Holsteins were flown in from Holland a couple of months ago.

Since the cows who lumbered off the plane at Dhahran Airport were all pregnant, there has been a flurry of happy events at the maternity barn. The children saw a 5-minute-old calf being licked clean by his mother. "Born for us," exclaimed one boy. Another calf, born a few hours earlier, was struggling to his feet for the first time. The bull, abuzzing in his nose, stood there in the maternity barn, looking imperial and unconcerned.

The calves stay with their mothers for only 2 days, after which they go to the calf-barn where they stay until they are about 6 months old.

Children and calves nuzzled each other. Cries of "he licked my thumb!" echoed through the barn. Seeing the calves suckling from the automatic milk dispenser interested the children only mildly; they were far more interested in seeing a vet milk one of the cows by hand.

Consultant to the farm, Morrison Johns from New Zealand, let the youngsters pretend to be cows and mount the 36 cow rotary milking system. Round and round on this gigantic merry-go-round, the children slowly trotted with a happy bellowing of "Moo. Moo." and make-believe pawing of booves and swishing of tails. Attendants let the children feel the pull of the suction caps on their thumbs, and showed them how the suction caps were adjusted to the animals' udders.

When the system is in actual operation, music will be played as the cows are milked. This is to relax them, thus encouraging a greater yield from the contented cows.

The children had their picnic lunch in the air-conditioned calf barn. The calves watched the children from the neighboring stall only a few feet away. Sudden cries of "Teacher, teacher, the calf is eating your dress," disturbed the quiet munching of boys and girls at their food. After lunch, children and calves mingled with much petting and caressing.

Each calf is named on birth, explained Abdul Hamid Djahanbin, general inspector of the farm owned by Sheikh Abdullah Al-Matroud. Albert, the first bull calf born, was named after the Dutchman who delivered him. Mr. Djahanbin pulled out calf 188, carrying her in his arms like a proud father. "This is my favorite," he explained to the children. Born 2 months prematurely, she had to struggle for life.

"She just fought and fought, and now she's here, very happy. So I gave her a queen's name and called her Juliana after the Dutch queen."

It isn't after all, that strange a name for a calf born to a Dutch cow far from home.

When the children marveled how he could remember names for 53 calves when they all looked alike, Mr. Djahanbin chuckled and pointed to the yellow number tag on each calf and cow's ear. These help the dairy men recognize which contented cow is Betsy and which is Jane.

The calves have a diet of milk, concentrate, and hay for roughage. At 12 to 16 weeks, the bull calves may go off to slaughter although there is some debate about this since as Mr. Djahanbin explained, "we all work for a man who does not like to sell things." The heifers' future is more assured: they are kept for rearing and should begin to produce milk when they are 1½ to 2 years old.

Cows, said Johns, are very susceptible to sickness so the barn is kept immaculate with not a fly in sight.

At the end of May, all the cows will be herded into the air-conditioned summer barn where the temperature is kept at 27° C. This should ensure that there is no drop in milk production during the torrid months when everyone wants a cool drink of milk or an ice cream.

A kilometer away from the barns are the fields where alfalfa, rye, and barley grow. No cows graze on this land. The crops are cut and brought to the cows for forage. Luckier by far than the cows, the children romped through the green field of rye, a few stopping to pick nosebags of lavender-colored blooming alfalfa. It was a scene from a Swiss country calendar.

Automatic overhead radial sprinklers irrigate the pasture. The youngsters raced back and forth under these spans, screaming with glee as they got soaking wet. Yuichiro Mizuno, an enterprising lad, even tried swinging along the sprinkler line, Tarzan style.

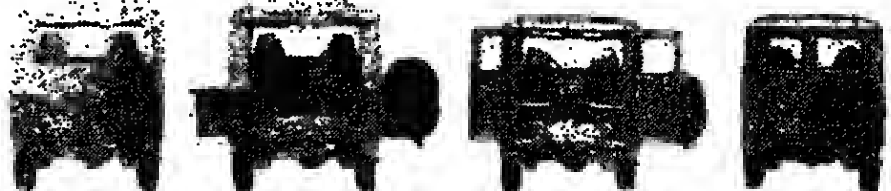
Nutrients, fertilizers, and herbicides are sprayed onto the land along with the water, which springs from wells 120 meters deep. Slightly more than one acre of this pasture produces grain sufficient for a cow.

"We are making the land," explained Johns. Trees will be planted to counter erosion and humus will be made from the decaying roots of crops. "All this," he said, stretching out his arms over the countryside, "will become fine black soil in time."

The National Dairy owned by Sheikh Al-Matroud, is completing a new processing plant built by Danish Turnkey Dairies. A control panel with glowing buttons, gleaming steel vats to hold the milk, back-up generators to keep the plant two-thirds operational in case of electrical cuts, carton fillers that fill at a rate of 80 liters per minute, and a machine to poke sticks into ice-cream bars taught the children that there is more to a bottle of milk than the moo-cow, at least in the modern world. A pungent whiff of ammonia impressed upon them its use in cooling the milk to prevent souring. The fresh milk now produced by the cows is being added to reconstituted milk in the old dairy. In 2½ months, it will be possible to buy milk fresh from the cows and processed in the plant that will employ 400 workers.

On the return trip to Dhahran, the bus got stuck to the sand. While the children cheered, mothers and teachers pushing the bus out got drenched by the irrigation sprinklers overhead. A tractor finally came to the rescue to the beatty cheers of the children in a fitting end to a day on the farm.

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'Colored' teenagers charged in S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG, April 30 (AP) — More than 800 non-white teenagers early Wednesday were charged in a magistrate's court after police broke up their rally, while a nationwide boycott by more than 100,000 non-white school children appeared to be expanding its base.

The 800 teenagers were taken to the court after riot police broke up their rally protesting disparities in the government allocations for white and "colored" schools. "Colored" is the term used by the South African white-minority regime to refer to people of mixed black and white heritage.

The children, dressed in school uniforms, were released in the custody of their parents and ordered to reappear May 13.

About 3,000 mostly white students at the University of Cape Town vote to join the strikes for the rest of the week and 160 white youngsters in Cape Town wrote an open letter to Prime Minister P.W. Botha asking for

equal education of all race groups. The Asian school population began participating in the boycotts last week.

Botha has blamed the unrest on outside agitators who were allegedly using the education issue for broader political aims and warned them "they are playing with fire and they're going to get hurt."

The violence that erupted Tuesday in the colored township of Westbury outside Johannesburg was the most serious clash reported with police since the demonstrations began in the Cape Province two weeks ago. Witnesses said police used tear gas and chased and beat youngsters with batons, but police officials denied the charges.

Critics of the government fear the protests will follow the course of the 1976 Soweto student riots which eventually escalated to a nationwide rebellion, leaving 700 blacks dead. Black participation in the current unrest so far has been limited.

Zimbabwe accredits eight envoys

SALISBURY, April 30 (AFP) — The first eight envoys to be accredited to independent Zimbabwe presented their credentials here Wednesday.

The accreditation ceremony, the first since Zimbabwe became independent on April 18, was held at Government House. The new envoys present — their credentials to President Canaan Banana, who was accompanied by Foreign Affairs Minister Simon Muzenda.

Of the eight states, four were represented at ambassador level: Mozambique, Egypt, Guinea and Sweden. Tanzania, Britain, Zambia and Canada have high commissioners.

The influx of foreign government representatives and their staff has caused a shortage of office space in the capital. Several reported having difficulty in finding suitable offices.

Communists hit arms plans

PARIS, April 30 (AFP) — A conference of European Communist parties has adopted a final resolution whose point one called for "cancellation of plans for the stationing of new American missiles in Europe."

Most other points in the resolution similarly supported known Soviet disarmament objectives, such as ratification of the Salt II agreement, progress in the Vienna negotiations on reduction of armed forces in Europe and going through with the scheduled Madrid conference on European security.

French Communist leader Georges Marchais Tuesday described the results of the conference as "a point of departure, a springboard for joint action."

Marchais was referring to two main preoccupations evident among participants, namely to broaden the campaign for various disarmament proposals so as to have European radicals, socialists, social democrats and Christians join in, and minimizing at the same time the significance of the absence of those Communist parties that stayed away from the Paris meeting or failed to sign the resolution despite being present.

Nine such parties stayed away altogether, including the important Italian, Spanish, Yugoslav and Rumanian ones, and two, those from Belgium and Switzerland, sent only observers and abstained from signing the resolution.

In discussing condemnation of new U.S. missiles for Western Europe, the Belgian party suggested mention also be made of Soviet SS-20 missiles in Eastern Europe, a position known to be shared by the Italian



Georges Marchais

Communists, and a rare direct mention of Afghanistan again was Belgian.

It was consequently doubted among analysts whether the search for non-Communist allies among socialist-oriented groups expressed at the conference would have much chance of success.

It was precisely because of skepticism about results from the Paris meeting that nine parties — aside the big four, they were those from Sweden, Holland, Britain, West Germany, West Berlin and San Marino had decided not to attend.

The only practical proposal to come out of the gathering seemed to be a rather vague Finnish proposal for a joint conference of Communist and non-Communist left groupings ahead of the Madrid security meeting.

For refugee victims

Florida waters searched

MIAMI, Florida, April 30 (AFP) — The U.S. Coast Guard was searching for bodies Wednesday after some of the worst squalls in ten years hit the armada of small boats ferrying Cuban refugees to Florida.

Two drowned victims had been fished out by Tuesday but coast guard officials predicted the toll would exceed 40. Rescuers had already spotted 26 capsized boats and saved 50 people.

As winds abated Tuesday, an estimated 50 boats left Key West at the tip of Florida for Cuba. Hundreds of others set out from Mariel Bay near Havana, loaded with anti-Castro refugees.

Many of the smaller boats lacked radios

and navigation instruments for the 1-kilometer crossing. Florida authorities fear that 10,000 to 12,000 more Cubans would arrive soon in addition to 3,500 who reached Florida before stormy weather hit the island of Key West were short of food, clothing and even fresh water, which has to be brought from the mainland.

Three skippers were fined a total \$507,000 for bringing in illegal immigrants from Cuba, amounting to \$1,000 a head. The heavy fines failed to deter other boat owners determined to bring loved ones to the United States, or lured by the possibility of collecting smuggling fees exceeding 1,000 a passenger.

Signs of torture

7 found slain in Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, April 30 (AP) — Seven bodies, including that of a university professor, have been found in and near the capital, police said. Some showed signs of torture, they said.

Five bodies were found in the northern suburb of Mejicanos and two were found in a gully near the national university, according to police. All seven victims had been shot to death.

Human rights and church sources here say at least 500 persons have vanished and 1,000 more have been killed in political violence between right, left, and security forces since the first of the year.

In other developments, unidentified armed

men fired at members of the Popular Liberation Movement who have occupied a cathedral here since last Saturday, but there were no reports of casualties.

The government said it does not expect a public demonstration on May Day but indicated it would announce major reforms in labor code and minimum wage scales on that date. This would be in addition to the deal Monday that ended the sharecropping system in El Salvador. The government says it will buy all lands worked by sharecroppers a sell them back to peasants at payments higher than the rents they now pay. Most of the major landholders in El Salvador live outside the country.

Resist police crackdown

Fiery Assamese demand expulsion of immigrants

By Rajendra Bajpai

GAUHATI, India, April 30 (R) — A young student slashed his chest with a knife on a crowded street here and wrote with the blood gushing from the wound: "We can give blood, not oil." Thousands of people who watched the spectacle shouted of long Live Assam" as weeping women in the crowd burnt incense and candles.

The incident illustrated the emotions of the people of the strategic northeast Indian state of Assam, which has been torn by seven months of agitation against migrant workers during which 80 people have been killed.

Late last week, violence spread to new areas as police cracked down on demonstrations. Thirty people were injured in a police baton charge on a crowd attempting to break into railway wagons at Kanpur, 140 kilometers from here.

The Assamese, led by students, are

demanding the immediate expulsion from the state of immigrants from Bangladesh, Nepal and West Bengal.

They have stopped the flow of crude oil from Assam to the rest of India since December by picketing oil installations causing major shortages in some parts of the country. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi called out the army two weeks ago to forcibly

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remove pickets at the Narengi pipeline headquarters near Gauhati, the state capital.

But so widespread is support for the students that oil workers went on strike and prevented the oil flow from starting again.

The army action, arrest of agitation leaders and threats of an economic blockade of Assam have done nothing to sway the students.

They want all illegal immigrants who

entered the state after 1951 to be deported and their names struck off voting registers. The students have rejected compromise offers from Mrs. Gandhi that only those who came after 1967 or 1971 should be deported.

"They have not budged an inch from their position," said H.C. Sanin, a former defense secretary who was recently appointed adviser to the governor of Assam.

The use of the army and Mrs. Gandhi's decision to declare the state a disturbed area, providing powers of preventive detention, has done nothing to cool the feelings of the agitators. Old women join hands with school children in daily picketing of oil installations or government offices chanting slogans and waving the heat and rain.

Mrs. Gandhi's government is now faced with a dilemma. The government feels unable to deport immigrants who came after 1951 as this would mean moving an estimated 3.5 million people, many of whom have built lucrative businesses in Assam.

At the same time there are fears the agitation could develop into a secessionist movement. Surrounding Assam are areas where underground secessionist groups have been active in varying degrees since India gained independence in 1947.

A major insurgency is threatening Manipur state bordering Bangladesh and Burma, and anti-Indian sentiments have long been common in Nagaland, sandwiched between Assam and Burma.

Intelligence officials say underground organizations in northeastern India are keenly watching developments in Assam. The failure of Mrs. Gandhi's government to negotiate a settlement with the students could lead to underground movements establishing contacts with the Assamese, they say.

"We have oil and tea. If we were independent we could become rich" is an increasingly common refrain.

The agitation in Assam focussed at first on the expulsion of illegal migrants from Bangladesh and Nepal, but Indian citizens from West Bengal are now becoming a target.

British officer wounded

BELFAST, April 30 (AP) — A British army officer was seriously wounded Wednesday when a booby-trap bomb exploded in his car as he left his quarters in Enniskillen southwest of Belfast, police reported.

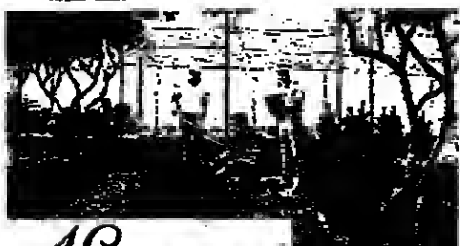
Police said no organization has yet claimed responsibility for the bombing, but it were the hallmarks of the outlawed Irish National Liberation Army (INLA).

The Marxist group, a splinter faction of the Irish Republican Army guerrilla movement, specializes in sophisticated booby-trap bombs triggered by chemical switches.

The group, which has made similar attacks on police officers and militiamen in recent months, assassinated ranking British Conservative party politician Airey Neave with a booby-trap bomb in London in March last year.

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BOSTON, April 30 (R) — Jacqueline Gareau of Canada Tuesday was named winner of the women's section in the April 21 Boston Marathon after Rosie Ruiz was disqualified for allegedly not completing the race course.

A controversy that arose shortly after Ruiz crossed the finish line in record time for the 26.2-mile race was settled when race director Will Cloney announced her disqualification at a press conference.

Information from our official checkers... enabled us to reach the conclusion that there was no reasonable doubt that Miss Jacqueline Gareau was the leading woman runner for the last 10 miles," Cloney said in a prepared statement.

More than 10,000 photographs taken by four high-speed cameras at a point approximately a mile from the finish were examined and Miss Gareau is shown clearly as the first woman runner. Miss Rosie Ruiz is not shown in the photo sequence. Her name does not appear on any of our checkers' lists.

Ruiz, a 26-year-old Cuban-born secretary, claimed throughout the week following the race that she had run the whole distance, broke down in tears last Thursday under probing questions of reporters at a New York press conference.

In concluding his statement, Cloney said: "I have said many times during the past week, we embarked on the investigation with no preconceived conclusion and we have reached our decision, with no bias, in keeping with the spirit of the Boston Marathon."

Baseball Standings

League	W	L	Pct.	GB
American League				
Baltimore Orioles	10	8	.556	—
Boston Red Sox	9	9	.500	1 1/2
California Angels	7	10	.412	3 1/2
Chicago White Sox	6	9	.400	4 1/2
Cleveland Indians	6	10	.333	5 1/2

League	W	L	Pct.	GB
National League				
Atlanta Braves	13	5	.722	—
Los Angeles Dodgers	12	5	.706	1 1/2
Montreal Expos	12	7	.632	3 1/2
New York Mets	10	7	.588	5 1/2
Pittsburgh Pirates	6	11	.353	9 1/2
San Francisco Giants	6	13	.316	10 1/2

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American League				
Baltimore Orioles	9	6	.600	—
Boston Red Sox	8	8	.500	1 1/2
California Angels	8	8	.500	1 1/2
Chicago White Sox	6	11	.353	4 1/2
Cleveland Indians	6	11	.353	4 1/2
Los Angeles Dodgers	5	10	.333	5 1/2

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National League				
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Los Angeles Dodgers	12	7	.632	1 1/2
Montreal Expos	11	9	.550	3 1/2
New York Mets	9	8	.529	5 1/2
Pittsburgh Pirates	9	10	.474	6 1/2
San Francisco Giants	7	10	.412	8 1/2

League	W	L	Pct.	GB
American League				
Baltimore Orioles	10	5	.667	—
Boston Red Sox	8	7	.533	2 1/2
California Angels	7	8	.467	3 1/2
Chicago White Sox	11	4	.733	—
Cleveland Indians	11	4	.733	—
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FINISH-LINE FALL: West Germany's Peter Thaler crosses the finish line to win the fourth stage of the Tour of Spain cycling race Saturday as Ireland's Sean Kelly takes a spill in the background. Kelly suffered minor injuries in the fall, which occurred just five meters short of the race's end.

Grueling vigil marks cycle race

JACA, Spain, April 30 (AFP) — Hopes of a home win in the Tour of Spain bicycle race were boosted here Tuesday when overall leader Faustino Ruperez sprinted home to win the difficult seventh stage from Villa.

Ruperez, who has headed the tour since he won the fifth stage was followed by compatriots Jose Luis Vicio and Pedro Torres, both of whom had the same finishing time.

The 216 kilometers from Villa in the Pyrenees was the longest stage in the tour and with five testing climbs, the most demanding.

The early pace was set by Frenchman Dominique Arnaud, who broke from the field after only 30 kilometers and held

onto his advantage along with Spaniard Roque for over 175 kilometers.

Thirteen kilometers from the finish, however, they were joined and then passed by a group of riders containing most of the favorites and on Kilometer Fromhome, Ruperez, Vicio, Torres and Klaus Peter Thaler of West Germany broke clear.

Thaler looked set for a win before his tire punctured with victory in sight, and Ruperez had enough left to fend off his two compatriots in a sprint finish.

Wednesday's eighth stage covered the 160 kilometers from Monaster de Leyre to Logrono. Results of the race were unavailable.

Brewers crush Cleveland 14-1

NEW YORK, April 30 (AP) — Ben Oglivie and Sal Bando led a record Milwaukee home run barrage Tuesday night when the Brewers snapped a four-game losing streak with a 14-1 crushing of the Cleveland Indians.

Oglivie and Bando slammed two homers each as Milwaukee powered seven round-trippers against Cleveland pitching. The seven homers tied the American League record for the home runs in a night game.

All 14 Brewers runs scored on homers as Paul Molitor, Sixto Lezcano and Larry Hise joined the hitting parade.

Willie Randolph and Reggi Jackson douted home runs to pace the New York Yankees over the Baltimore Orioles 4-3, while Otto Velez drove in two runs, one with a solo homer.

Jim Clancy picked up his first victory of the season as the Toronto Blue Jays ran their winning streak to a 3-1 triumph over the Kansas City Chiefs.

The Texas Rangers bombed the Detroit Tigers 10-5 in a rain-shortened seven-inning game as Richie Zisk helmed a two-run homer, and Mickey Rivers rapped out four hits in five at-bats.

Bill Stein went 4-for-4, including a two-run homer. And Joe Simpson singled home the tie-breaking run in the ninth innings as the Seattle Mariners douted the Minnesota Twins 5-3.

Two-run homers by Jim Rice and Tony Perez, and Dwight Evans' three runs batted in backed Bob Stanley's strong pitching as the Boston Red Sox crushed the Chicago White Sox 11-1.

In the National League, Steve Dillard's one-out double in the ninth inning drove home the tying run, then he scored on Barry Foote's pinch single to pace the Chicago Cubs

over the St. Louis Cardinals 6-4.

Ken Forsch buried a three-bitter and Cesar Cedeno blasted a two-run homer to boost the Houston Astros to a 3-0 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

The Pittsburgh Pirates edged the Montreal Expos 5-4 in 10 innings as Bill Madlock double home pinch runner Matt Alexander with the tie-breaking run.

Air France semifinals today

By Maurice Lamb

JEDDAH, April 30 — The quarterfinal stage now has been reached in all three sections of the Air France Open Tennis Tournament now being played in Jeddah. All the competitors still in the tournament now are guaranteed one or more of the many of the many prizes being donated by the sponsors, Air France and the Meridien Hotels.

Those in the men's singles and the ladies' singles also have their hopes pinned on winning the first prize, return air tickets to Paris donated by the tournament organizers.

Play on Tuesday centered on the battle between the final 16 men for a place in the quarter finals of the men's singles and produced some hard-hitting, exciting tennis.

The first two seeds, Joe Reilly and Jerry Hurst, comfortably overcame their opponents, Bengt Hultander and Udo Poppe. The hard-hitting match between Hurst and Poppe did not materialize into the close encounter expected.

Likewise the third and fourth seeds, Paddy Rogan and Eric Madison, also progressed to the quarter finals with relatively comfortable matches against George Jacoby and Gunner Lundberg respectively.

The match between Bertil Ohlsson and

Fix scandal rocks Spain football team

MADRID, April 30 (AFP) — The Spanish Football Federation this week was investigating allegations of match fixing that could mirror the sensational Toto Nern scandal currently rocking football in Italy.

The investigations center on last Sunday's first-division relegation clash between the already doomed Malaga and struggling-to-survive Salamanca teams.

The visitors won easily 3-0, thus easing their fears of the drop, but, at the end of the match the home fans screamed, "Sell-out, sell out."

The following day, the Malaga board fined the whole side "for lack of effort," while striker Jose Orozco told club captain Miguel "Miguel" Ramos that several days before the game an unnamed person had telephoned him suggesting to "fix" the match.

The two players, who were heard by the Spanish Football Federation Tuesday, have refused to reveal the name of the caller, although observers here believe it could be former Salamanca player, Argentinian Raoul Castronovo, now with second division Algeiras.

Castronovo already has been asked to appear before the federation, and sports circles here have not ruled out the possibility that other Malaga players could be involved.

According to Spain papers, the Malaga board currently is preparing a dossier on possible corruption in another match between Malaga and Hercules, the latter also being involved in the relegation battle.

This dossier also might include details of an offer from Real Madrid to Malaga players. Malaga is due to play unbeaten league leaders Real Sociedad at San Sebastian Sunday — a match vital to Real Madrid's championship hopes.

In Rome, the star of Italian football, Perugia striker Paolo Rossi, faces an agonizing wait to see whether he can take part in June's European nations finals following his suspension by the Italian Football Federation.

The 23-year-old international striker was barred from playing because of his alleged involvement in the Toto Nern football match fixing scandal.

Don Clark saw Clark on top form for the first set with his opponent making a hesitant start. Clark won 6-4. The second set was, however, a much closer affair eventually going to Ohlsson at 6-2. The tables were turned in the final set with Ohlsson playing confidently to win 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Ohlsson's namesake, Leif Ohlsson also from Armaska, won the first set but was eventually worn down by the superior fitness of Dominick Keenaghan. Keenaghan won 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.

The only person to win the third set after winning the first was Rodi Edholm, who appeared to lose his concentration in the second set of his closely fought match against Gaby Sgotombis. Edholm recovered in time, however, to take the match 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

The first match in semifinals competition begins today at 5 p.m. finals begin at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

Tuesday's Results

Sedin beat Lars Deleney (Ladies singles)	6-2, 6-3
Bertil Ohlsson beat Don Clark	4-6, 6-2, 6-3
Eric Madison beat Gunner Lundberg	6-1, 6-0
Dominick Keenaghan beat Leif Ohlsson	4-6, 6-1, 6-3
Joe Reilly beat Bengt Hultander	6-0, 6-1
Jerry Hurst beat Udo Poppe	6-0, 6-2
Rodi Edholm beat Gaby Sgotombis	6-3, 3-6, 6-1
Khalid Kabil beat Michael Liddle (walk over)	
Paddy Rogan beat George Jacoby	6-3, 6-3
Jo Sundin and Michael Sundin beat Lynn Briers and Dominick Keenaghan	6-2, 6-2

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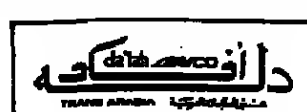
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Trade deficit drops

U.S. faces deep recession

WASHINGTON, April 30 (AP) — The third steepest monthly decline in history in American's index of economic indicators, which was reported Wednesday by the U.S. Commerce Department, provided more evidence that the nation may face a deep recession.

The index fell 2.8 per cent in March. It was eighth decline in the past 12 months and the steepest for any month since September of 1974, when it fell 3 per cent as the economy was sinking into the 1974-1975 recession.

"It means forces are very much tilted toward recession," said Felix Tamm, a Commerce Department analyst.

Tamm said there are many similarities between the behavior of the index in recent months and its behavior during the last recession. Although it doesn't yet give much indication of the severity of the expected new downturn.

The 1974-1975 recession was the worst slide in the economy since the great depression. President Jimmy Carter and many other top administration officials, as well as many private economists, believe the economy entered a recession in February or March.

While Carter says the new recession will be mild and short, others see a steeper downturn, especially with the crippling decline in home building activity and the plunge in

domestic auto sales.

The index of economic indicators is designed to point to future trends in the economy. Tamm said it has been pointing to sluggish or negative growth for the past 17 months.

On a more optimistic note, America's trade deficit narrowed to \$3.16 billion in March as exports surged by the largest percentage in two years, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday.

The March figure was \$2.4 billion lower than February's record level of \$5.6 billion dollars.

Exports in March were up 7.6 per cent — the biggest increase since 12.1 per cent boost in March 1978.

Imports, meanwhile, 4.9 per cent in March, the department said.

That was due largely to a 4.3 per cent decline in the volume of imported crude oil and petroleum products, which had snared the month before. It fell from 256,812 barrels in February to 232,968 barrels in March, the department said.

The nation's bill for this oil — which rose 8.2 per cent in February — declined 5.1 per cent last month to \$7.27 billion.

Despite this decline, the nation's oil bill last month was about \$3.3 billion more than in March 1979, the department said.

Foreign car and nonmonetary gold imports also declined in March, the Commerce Department said.

At the same time, exports of nonmonetary gold surged from \$163 million in February to \$477.1 million in March, a whopping 314 per cent rise.

The department reported that the value of all merchandise exported in March totaled \$18.5 billion while all imports came to \$21.7 billion for the trade deficit of \$3.16 billion.

From January through March, exports were at an annual rate of \$212.5 billion, or 17 per cent higher than 1979's total figure of \$181.7 billion, the department said.

Imports during the same period were at an annual rate of \$266.4 billion, up 22 per cent from 1979's total of \$218.9 billion, the department reported.

Mitsubishi aims at Chrysler buy

TOKYO, April 30 (AP) — Mitsubishi is taking over Chrysler Australia Limited with the approval of the Australian government, the group said Wednesday.

Two firms in the group last May acquired about one-third of the stock in the Adelaide-based, Chrysler company. Now they have agreed to a request from Chrysler Corporation to take over all the shares in Chrysler Overseas Capital Corporation. The cost would be around \$56 million.

Mitsubishi said Chrysler would use the money in raising funds needed to obtain U.S. government loan collateral.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7:00 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.33	3.35	3.35
Pound Sterling	7.47	7.67	7.57
Deutsche Mark (1000)	179.00	185.50	185.40
Swiss F (1000)	192.00	200.50	200.50
French F (1000)	77.00	79.75	79.50
Italian Lira (10,000)	38.00	39.75	39.70
Lebanese Lira (100)		98.30	98.00
Syrian Lira (100)		77.50	87.00
Egyptian Pound		4.23	4.39
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.25	12.27
Jordanian Dinar		11.12	11.01
Emirs Dirham (100)		89.80	89.80
Qatari Rial (100)		90.90	90.90
Bahraini Dinar		8.88	8.88
Iranian Rial (1000)		—	—
Iraqi Dinar (1000)		—	—
Yemeni Rial (1000)		73.75	73.25
Moroccan Dirham (100)		81.50	60
Indian Rupee (100)		—	42.35
Pakistani Rupee (100)		—	33.90
Turkish Lira (1000)		45.45	—
Gold kg.		56,000.00	—
10 Tola bar		6,600.00	—
Silver kg.		—	—
Japanese Yen (10,000)		13.33	14.50
Canadian Dollar		2.81	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)		112.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)		163.00	169.00
Spanish Peso		50.00	48.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)		81.00	—
Philippines Peso (1,000)		—	45.25
Singapore (1,000)		—	1.56

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16	Kil Maru	Alreza	Containers	29-4-80
18	Odyssey	Rocco	Bulk Cement	29-4-80
20	Union Hodeidah	O.C.E.	Conts./Steel/Timber/Gen.	"
24	Maria Oldendorf	Algerziah	Bldg. Material/Steel-Timber/General	29-4-80
35	Asean Nations	Alsaabah	Containers	29-4-80
36	St. Louis	Rezayat	Containers	29-4-80
40	Aboudy	Elhaw	General	"
41	Nestor Glory	O.C.E.	Bricks/General	27-4-80

RECENT ARRIVALS:

Marietta I	Gulf	Timber/Govt. Cargo/Gen.	29-4-80
St. Louis	Rezayat	Containers	29-4-80
Maria Oldendorf	Algerziah	Bldg. Material/Steel-Timber/General	"
Holstenial	Alsaada	Rice/Gen./Govt. Cargo	"
Aboudy	Elhaw	General	"
Maracane I	Alpha	Timber/General	"

3. VESSELS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS

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Halla Partner	Orri	General/Const. Materials	"
Crimmits Chau	Shobokshi	Conts./General/Hazardous	"
El Keshawi	Fayez	General	"
Blue Sky	Ba Aboud	Melon Seed	"
Yousif	O.C.E.	Reefer	"
Imperia	Star	Reefer	"
Nura Del Mar	H.S.S.C.	Conts./To Load	"
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9	Haris	Gosaibi	Fertilizer	27-4-80
10	Asia Hope	Gulf	Cement in Bags	25-4-80
11	Philips	SEA	Cement in Bags	18-4-80
19	Clinton	Gosaibi	Cement in Bags	29-4-80
21	Asia Rose (D.B)	Alreza	Bulk Cement	25-4-80
28	Ibn Al Roomi	Kanoo	Gen/Conts./Flour	30-4-80
29	Asia Itho	Gulf	General	27-4-80
30	Ibn Shuhaid	Kanoo	General	29-4-80
31	Lagos Venture	AET	Steel Bars	29-4-80
32	Kota Jasa	UEP	Sugar in Bags	24-4-80
33	Taining	SEA	General	27-4-80
34	Sun Hope	Alreza	Cars	30-4-80
35	Lara	Gosaibi	Cement in Bags	25-4-80
36	Para Flag	SMC	Cement silo Vessel	1-4-78
37	Oriant Welfare	Seasia	Cement in Bags	24-4-80
SCP	Barge Intermac-400	Kanoo	Loading Machinery	28-4-80
ANCH	Bomba Nile	SCSA	General	25-4-80



STOCKHOLM STRIKE: Cars, cyclists and pedestrians crowd a boulevard leading into Stockholm's business sector following a strike that has left the city without subway and other municipal services. The strike, which began Friday, involves some 26,000 city employees.

Sweden strikes threaten shutdown

STOCKHOLM, April 30 (AFP) — Sweden is heading for a week of almost complete economic paralysis over union wage demands following the breakdown of mediation attempts by government-appointed mediation commissions.

Friday, 100,000 employees in the private sector will begin a series of strikes throughout the week while another

800,000 will be locked out of their place of work in retaliation by employers.

In what is expected to be Sweden's worst industrial dispute since 1909, the key sectors of the car and paper pulp industries will be particularly hard hit while most foreign trade and ferry services will be halted.

Stocks up despite world unrest

NEW YORK, April 30 — Despite varying degrees of international unrest, the market Tuesday focused on the economic outflow with continued encouragement stemming from lowering interest rates and favorable good earnings reports.

An early morning pause gave way, and stock prices firmed advancing in moderate trading. A slight pull back from the day's early high of 6-plus points in afternoon trading was checked as prices forced ahead, recouping their earlier gains. Advancing issues maintained lead over declines, holding as much as an eight-to-five margin in late trading. While the transportation and composite averages fluctuated mostly on the upside, the utility averages, after an up opening, were fractionally lower through most of the day, recovering at the end of the session of the up side.

The Commerce Department reported the U.S. trade deficit narrowed to a seasonally adjusted \$3.16 billion in March, compared to the record red ink total of \$5.57 billion in February. In the sharpest gain since March 1978's 12.1 per cent rise exports climbed 7.6 to adjusted \$18.53 billion. Imports

decreased 4.9 to adjusted \$22.11 billion.

Overall imports declined in 8 out of 10 categories. The nation's mutual savings banks had a \$750 million net deposit outflow in March, breaking the 1970 record \$88 million outflow (according to the Natl. Assoc. of Mutual Savings Banks). Interest credited to depositors \$1.6 billion. Deposits totaled \$146 billion, down \$152 million from a year ago.

Closing averages: DJIA 811.09 up 5.62; NYSE 240.55 up 1.26; OIA 108.86 up 0.00; JCI 280.01 up 1.53; Vol. 28,800; Adv. 896; Dec. 576; Unch. 402; 16 1/2 to 15; AMEX 252.32 up 2.46; Nasdaq comp. 134.55 up .61.
Minor activities: R.I. Reynolds 13.86 off 1 to 33; Mobil 244 off 1/2 to 70 1/2; TV Corp. 237 up 1/2 to 37; Chrysler 237 up 1/2 to 7; IBM 216 up 1/2 to 54 1/2; Warner-Lambert 214 off 1/2 to 18 1/2; Texaco 206, 204 off 1/2 to 35 1/2; Ciba Edison 204 off 1/2 to 34 1/2; Lat. Chicago Corp. 191 up 1/2 to 12 1/2; McDonald-Douglas 187 off 1/2 to 30 1/2.
Major gainers or losers on the day (1/2 point or more): E.I. Lilly off 1/2 to 50 1/2; Upjohn up 1/2 to 51; Amgen up 1/2 to 35 1/2; Amer. Hosp. Supply off 1/2 to 32 1/2; Natl. Med. Care up 1/2 to 27 1/2; Sperry Corp. up 1/2 to 24 1/2; Texas Instruments off 1/2 to 86 1/2; Computer Sciences off 1/2 to 46 1/2; ABC up 1/2 to 37; Marathon Oil up 1/2 to 57; Getty down 1/2 to 76 1/2; Gulf off 1/2 to 39 1/2; Std. Oil of Ohio off 1/2 to 83 1/2; Union Carbide off 1/2 to 38 1/2; Schlumberger up 1/2 to 187 1/2; Transcan 1 to 38 1/2; Bldg. Steel up 1/2 to 20 1/2; U.S. Steel up 1/2 to 18 1/2; Union Carbide off 1/2 to 38 1/2; Kimberly Clark up 1/2 to 44; Weyerhaeuser up 1/2 to 30 1/2; U.S. Gypsum up 1/2 to 28; Bayside Elec up 1/2 to 17 1/2; Bldg. down 1/2 to 25 1/2; Elanco Health off 1/2 to 28 1/2; Revere Ind off 1/2 to 30 1/2; Raychem off 1/2 to 72 1/2; Delta up 1/2 to 30 1/2; Baffins No. up 1/2 to 56 1/2; J.C. Kins off 1/2 to 38 1/2; Drexel Ind off 1/2 to 62 1/2; ASA Ind. up 1/2 to 42 1/2; Heda Mining off 1/2 to 27 1/2; and Calumet Mining up 1/2 to 21.
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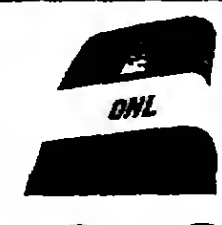
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Volcker aided Hunt brothers to stem March silver bust

HAMBURG, April 30 (LAT) — Federal Reserve Chairman Paul A. Volcker said Friday that his role in a plan by a group of banks to lend \$800 million to help the Hunt brothers of Texas pay debts resulting from silver speculation was "to make sure such money does not end up in renewed speculation in the silver market."

In Hamburg, West Germany, where he was attending an International Monetary Fund committee meeting, Volcker said he had not "initiated or guided" the credit agreement.

Rather, Volcker said, he merely wanted to assure that if the loan was made, it would be used only to clear up existing debts and not to finance additional silver speculation by the brothers.

However, U.S. officials in Hamburg were quoted as saying that the role of the Federal Reserve in the loan arrangements was more than the central bank's chairman could acknowledge officially.

The Los Angeles Times reported last week that, according to informed sources, a group of major banks had agreed to the loan, because a default on the debts of the Hunt brothers would have collapsed the silver market. The fear, which the sources said was shared by Volcker, was that such a collapse would have threatened financial difficulties for some banks as well as disruptions of the stock and bond markets.

Some funds from the credit have been advanced already to Hunt family-owned Placid Oil Co., a banking source reiterated Friday, although the loan agreement remains to be formally signed. This is an uncommon but not unprecedented practice in banking, sources said.

The agreement, according to another source, was reached within a week of a meeting, March 29 and 30, of the nation's top commercial bankers in Boca Raton, Fla., but the need for legal approvals from beneficiaries of the Hunt family trust was boding up the final signing.

The trust was set up by late oilman H.L. Hunt for the benefit of six children, including the silver-speculating brothers Nelson Bunker and William Herbert Hunt of Dallas. The \$800 million loan is being made to

Placid Oil, according to sources, to face the speedy repayment of the Hunt brothers' debts.

Placid's relending of the money to its owners, the Hunt brothers, would allow them to pay off their debts without selling either silver — in amounts which would lapse the market — or other securities in order to raise cash. Whatever losses Hunts have taken in silver would be suffered by themselves or the Placid company, whose assets serve as collateral to loan from the major banks.

The report of the loan in the Los Angeles Times and other newspapers elicited criticism from some members of Congress, who suggested that a loan to bail out special would run counter to the Fed's credit program, which forbids loans to financial speculation.

Volcker and the Hunt brothers have asked to appear this week before two congressional subcommittees.

Japan hits \$13b defi

TOKYO, April 30 (AP) — Japan's oil bills that soared 66 per cent in one year marked a record deficit of \$13 billion in current account balance of payments in 1979, ending March 31, the Finance Ministry reported Wednesday.

The figure compares with an \$11 billion deficit which Japan recorded in the previous year's account.

The ministry said the Japanese oil bill which scored a huge gain of \$20 billion fiscal 1978, lost \$2 billion last year.

Imports totaled \$107 billion, up 4 per cent. Among high priced imports were oil that rose 66 per cent over the year 39.7 billion.

Motor vehicles, steel, tape recorders, chemical products and other export showed firm increases, bringing the exports to \$105 billion, up 8 per cent. Motor vehicles, the biggest single item of Japan, rose 14 per cent to \$10 billion.

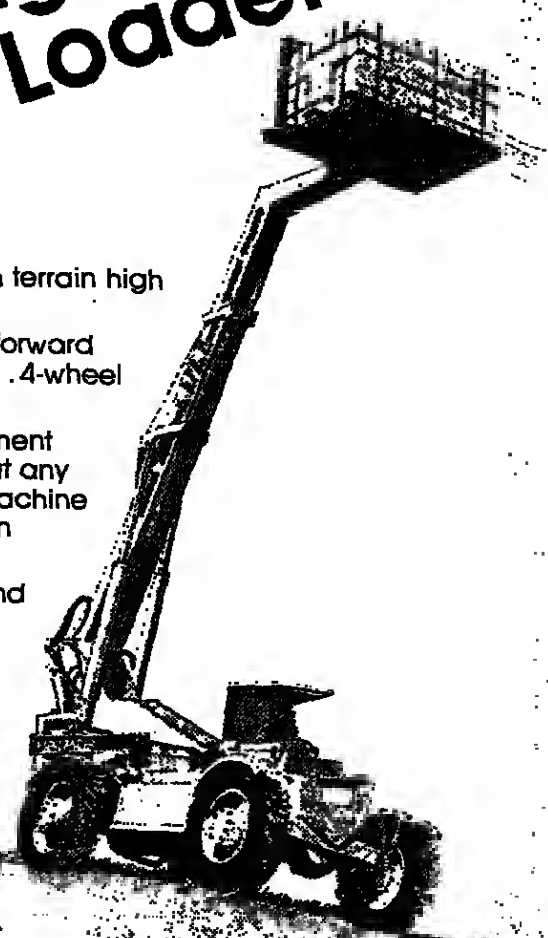
The overall balance of payments reported to be \$18 billion in deficit, a record.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Directorate of Education, Abha	Supply of uniforms and prize materials for social education	4/1400	50	Jun
" " "	Supply or requirements for stage drama for 1980/81	5-1400	50	Jur
Directorate General of Education, Western Province	Supply of sports requirements	13/71	100	Ma
Directorate of Education, Al-Washm	Supply of requirements for stage and social education for 1980/81	24-17	Free	May
" " "	Supply of scouting uniforms for 1980/81	21/17	Free	May
" " "	Supply of sports uniforms and uniforms for the region's selected team	22/17	Free	Jun
" " "	Supply of sports equipment and prize materials	23/17	Free	Jun

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Stakis Uniting	(NT)	(NT)
Cycle & Carriage	3.06	3.02
City Development	2.15	2.06
Compustar	3.68	3.68
Cons. Plants	2.21	2.22
J.B.S.	4.48	4.48
& N	6.20	6.19
Environ	1.86	1.86
Emphage	2.48	2.48
and P.G.	(NT)	(NT)
Hardine Matheson	(NT)	(NT)
Comput	(NT)	6.86
KL Kepong	4.42	4.40
Malayan Banking	8.75	8.75
Malayan Tobacco	4.66	4.66
M. Borneo Timber	(NT)	1.85
National Iron	5.55	5.45
O.P.T.	(NT)	(NT)
O.C.B.C.	0.18	0.18
Rothmans	(NT)	4.32
Singapore Land	(NT)	7.15
Siam Dieridge	3.10	3.00
Singapore Land	3.98	3.90
Straits Traders	2.70	2.70
Tarbora	(NT)	10.70
Terngengong	(NT)	(NT)
Tractors Malaysia	2.85	2.85
United Arab	(NT)	(NT)
U.O.B.	3.72	3.90
William Jacks Co.	(NT)	(NT)

SYDNEY		مستقضي	
	Closing Price		Closing Price
	A\$		A\$
BACI	2.01	2.02	
AGC	1.40	1.40	
AMP	1.60	1.60	
Ansett	2.02	2.02	
Ampl	1.08	1.06	
Bank Austl	2.10	2.10	
ANZ	2.40	2.42	
Arnslett	2.30	2.30	
BHP	11.95	12.18	
BHP South	1.97	1.95	
BHP CSR	2.22	2.10	
Bundaberg	2.90	2.90	
Canal United	1.83	1.83	
Centel	1.58	1.58	
Central	2.65	2.65	
Chadco	41.30	40.60	
CMA	6.00	6.00	
Comp	2.90	2.90	
Dunlop	1.85	1.85	
Comalac	4.40	4.55	
Cons. Gold	(NT)	8.00	
CSR	5.12	5.10	
Eugden	1.30	1.30	
Fairfax	0.80	0.75	
Ed Smith GM	2.50	(NT)	

EXCHANGE RATES اسعار العملات الدولية

U.S. \$ الدولار

London Interbank
Spot Dollar Middle Rates
as quoted by Bank of America IFB

	Apr. 25	Apr. 28
Britain	2.2785	2.2920
Switzerland	1.8919	1.8870
Italy	868.500	868.120
France	4.2300	4.1937
W. Germany	1.8615	1.8600
Netherlands	1.6285	1.6245
Belgium	29.0225	29.8245
Belgian F.	26.8750	26.8225
Denmark	5.5775	5.6270
Sweden	4.5935	4.5935
Japan	245.500	241.400
Australia	1.230300	1.230300
Canada	1.17340	1.18515
Australia	1.1075	1.1115
Spain	70.895	70.395
Greece	3.7555	3.7562
West Germany	42.050	41.800

(STERLING) الجنيه

SDR حقوق السحب الخاصة

Exchange Rates for the IMF's SDR

	Apr. 24	Apr. 25
US Dollar	1.29174	1.29161
Australian Dollar	1.16690	UNAV
Austrian Schilling	16.7112	16.7180
Belgian Franc	37.2524	37.2524
Canadian Dollar	1.52846	1.53104
Deutsche Mark	2.34303	2.34546
French Franc	5.48563	5.48564
Irish Punt	81.0035	81.0474
Italian Lira	1110.48	UNAV
Japanese Yen	315.353	317.251
Swedish Krona	2.5753	2.5859
Norwegian Krone	8.4574	8.43113
Pound Sterling	0.596332	0.593387
Portuguese Escudo	204.480	204.480
Spanish Peseta	90.6540	81.2883
Swedish Kroner	5.53700	5.53299
Danish Krone	7.4674	7.4774
Ecuadorian Sucre	32.2910	32.2978
Indonesian Rupiah	812.118	812.289
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.561791	0.531695
Malaysian Ringgit	2.32550	UNAV
Singapore Dollar	2.82675	UNAV
South African Rand	1.03871	1.03743
Swiss Franc	2.19320	2.18636
U.A.E. Dirham	4.80619	4.80720
Venezuelan Bolivar	5.54435	5.54552

Late Spot Sterling Rates at London		THE ECU اليورو	
April 28		Exchange Rates for the ECU Official Brussels Fixing	
USA	2.2850-2.2860		April 28
Canada	2.7120-2.7140		
Switzerland	3.6200-3.6300		
W. Germany	4.1680-4.1140		
France	5.3965-5.3065		
Netherlands	4.5495-4.5545		
Belgian C.	65.78-65.88		
Belgian F.	87.35-87.40		
Sweden	9.7340-9.7440		
Denmark	12.8110-12.8210		
Belgium F.	1.2900-1.3000		
Italy	1.934500-1.937.50		
Spain	160.74-160.94		
Portugal	205.15-114.25		
Austria	29.31-29.41		
Japan	551.00-552.00		
Ireland	1.1200-1.1130		
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Frankfurt Foreign Exchange Fixings			
	Apr. 25	Apr. 28	
100A	84.9185	8.79623	

28½	US Steel	16½	16½	Gill Kalgoorlie	3.95	(NT)
5%	US Tobacco	31	30½	Hamerley	3.70	(NT)
77	United Technologies	40½	41½	Hamlin	1.20	1.18

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Canada	1.5385	1.5200
Netherlands	90.600	00.600
Switzerland	107.300	107.500

Belgium			CLOSING GOLD PRICES		
France			(in US Dollars per troy ounce)		
Denmark					
Norway					
Sweden					
Italy					
Austria					
Spain					
Portugal					
Japan					
Finland					

London			Apr. 24	Apr. 23
Paris			526.00	506.50
Frankfurt			535.62	522.19
Zurich			517.00	508.90
Hong Kong			514.50	507.50
			507.90	505.47

Belgium			6,252	6,250
France			42,835	42,830
Denmark			31,948	31,940
Norway			36,490	36,375
Sweden			42,450	42,320
Italy			2,158	2,122
Austria			14,917	14,922
Spain			2,558	2,550
Portugal			3,865	3,865
Japan			67,420	67,420
Finland			48,350	48,160

13 1/2	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	WHL	2.50	3.00
48 1/4			WPM	7.10	(NT)
75	Price Frs.		Woodside Pet.	2.26	2.33
	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Woodside Pet.	2.26	2.33

TOKYO		TOKIO	
	1.86		1.86
Closing	20.25	Closing	20.28
Apr. 22		Apr. 22	
Prices Yen			
Asahi Elec. Co.	506	Asahi Elec. Co.	506
Daikin of Tokyo	520	Daikin of Tokyo	520
Ryugyu Pharm.	530	Ryugyu Pharm.	541
Sanwa Bank	840	Sanwa Bank	840
Daiichi Kangyo Bank	394	Daiichi Kangyo Bank	394
Daiwa House	281	Daiwa House	281
Fuji Photo Film	764	Fuji Photo Film	754
Fujiitsu	485	Fujiitsu	475
Hitachi	455	Hitachi	445
Daigaku	240	Daigaku	240
Ch. Koh	437	Ch. Koh	438
Daikin	268	Daikin	268
Sanwa El. Power	803	Sanwa El. Power	808
Goswaki Steel	141	Goswaki Steel	141
Yokohama Spec. Steel	362	Yokohama Spec. Steel	363
Kubota	705	Kubota	705
Mitsubishi Elec.	280	Mitsubishi Elec.	283
Mitsubishi Chemical	187	Mitsubishi Chemical	186
Yokohama Ind. Ind.	185	Yokohama Ind. Ind.	184
Mitsubishi Co.	334	Mitsubishi Co.	317
Nippon Electric	600	Nippon Electric	600
Nippon Ind. Ind.	432	Nippon Ind. Ind.	432
Nippon Oil	2,930	Nippon Oil	2,970
Nippon Steel	132	Nippon Steel	132
Sumitomo	848	Sumitomo	850

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Sales	3,875 tons	2,175 tons	May	1608-1607	1622-1816
			July	1645-1643	1688-1556

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25%	Moët-Hennessy	495.18	495.00	Sony	2,030nd	2,000
37%	Moulinex	74.90	76.00	Sumitomo Chem	133	132

Tokaido	520	517
Tokaijin	139	138
Tokyo Marine Fire	512	598
Tokyo Marine	236	233
Tokyo Elec.	195	192
Toto	440	449
Toyo Kogyo	390zd	378
Toyota	524	523

ZURICH		
	Closing Apr. 25	Closing Apr. 26
Price Swiss Frs.		
Alusuisse	1140	1145
Bank Leu	4320	4318
BOV (Bearer)	1730	1720
Buhler	2635	2635
Geigy	5615	5615

Spot	690-693	606-618	July-September ..	75.70	79.10	81.20	81.30
Three months ..	714-717	630-632	Oct-December ..	81.50	81.80	83.80	83.00
			January-March ..	84.40	84.70	86.50	86.70

Sales	130 warrants	94 warrants	Terminal market closed sugrny basis	
	Market order		سكس كاس	
TEM			RAW SUGAR	
		£ per tonne	Sugm Pref.	
Standard			Conm. Contr.	£ per long ton
Cash	7820-7830	7675-7680	May	253.00-253.00 252.00-252.00
Three months	7720-7730	7570-7570	August	256.50-257.25 258.75-259.40
Sales	7720-7730	480 tone	October	274.70-274.50 277.75-277.50
	Market barely steady		Futures vol 4.68 lots per tonnes each	
			Tone: Barely Steady	
High Grade			ROTTERDAM WHEAT	
Cash	7820-7830	7675-7670	Prices CIP: (in US \$) 2 Northern	
Three months	7730-7740	7575-7570	and for Northern US Service	
Sales	7730-7740	Nil tone	Prices in US Dollars	
	Market idle		Spot	159.00 159.00
			AS&S	159.00

40%	St. Louis-Brouhon ...	143.00	142.00	Credit Suisse	2075	2080
48%	SAT	333.00	332.00	Electrowatt	2270	2270
45%	Schneider	150.00	154.00	Fischer (George)	785	785

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Cash	320-321	304-305	July-August	197.00	197.00
Three months ..	328-330	314-315			
Options	332-333	316-317			

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Capital International Stock Market Indices

	Apr. 24	Apr. 25	
World Europe	112.7	114.0	UP 2.6
	102.3	191.4	UP 1.5
U.S. (1)	115.2	115.9	UP 3.6
U.K.	148.4	147.4	DN 0.1
Japan	255.0	254.0	UP 3.4
Canada (2)	110.0	175.4	UP 2.8
Germany	83.3	82.9	UP 3.0
France	114.2	113.2	UP 1.5
Australia	104.2	104.2	UP 2.8
Spain	49.7	49.5	DN 0.1
Switzerland	86.7	86.6	UP 2.2
Netherlands	83.4	81.6	UP 2.8
Italy	81.9	81.9	UP 3.0
Belgium	103.1	102.8	UP 7.0
Sweden	103.0	102.4	UP 1.1
Norway	213.9	212.4	UP 11.8
Denmark	112.8	111.7	UP 0.7
Austria	126.4	130.3	DN 1.1

(1) NYSE (2) TSE

Index converted to 1 Jan 1970 base
Base 1 Jan 1970 equals 100

Spot	220.00	220.00
May	210.00	210.00
June	210.00	215.00
April-Sept	218.00	218.00
Nov-March	239.00	239.00

COTTON

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April 26

Liverpool spot cotton and shipment prices in U.S. cents per pound (previous levels in brackets) as supplied by a leading trading company.

Major shipping origins Monday including:

U.S. Memphis (1 1/16 inch strict middling).

May-June \$2.50 offered (98.00).

U.S. California (1 1/16 inch strict middling).

May-June \$7.85 offered (102.25).

Bowles (1 7/16 inch strict middling).

May-June \$2.50 offered (98.00).

Egypt Giza 66 FZ, 124.15 offered (UNCH).

Sudan Barakat (1 1/16 inch).

May-June No. 38, 125.75 offered (UNCH).

May-June No. 35, 115.75 offered (UNCH).

May-June No. C39, 120.75 offered (105.19).

Paraguay (1 3/32 inch).

May-June \$3.00 (UNCH).

Mexico (1 1/16 inch strict middling).

May-June \$1.50 offered (94.50).

Columbian Coastal Crop (1 3/32 inch).

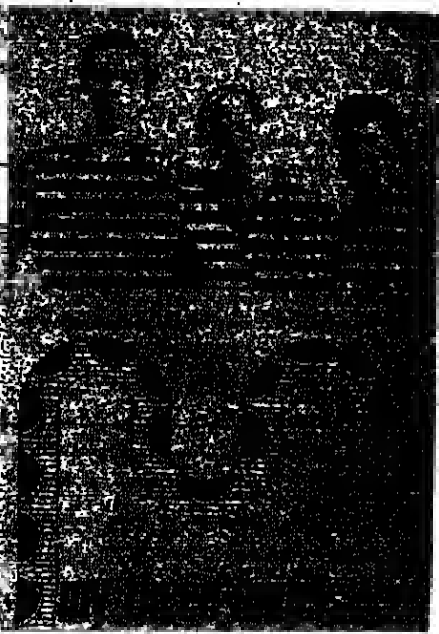
May-June \$2.00 offered (94.50).

The whole world's a stage



LIGHTS : Paul Cassagon-Played by Chas Painter (center) — talks with two of the convicts. Painter's background in theater spans some 15 years. He started as a dancer in musicals, and has acted in and directed a variety of plays.

...and the show must go on



The Jubail Repertory Theater produced the play *My Three Angels* for the local community in the latter half of April.

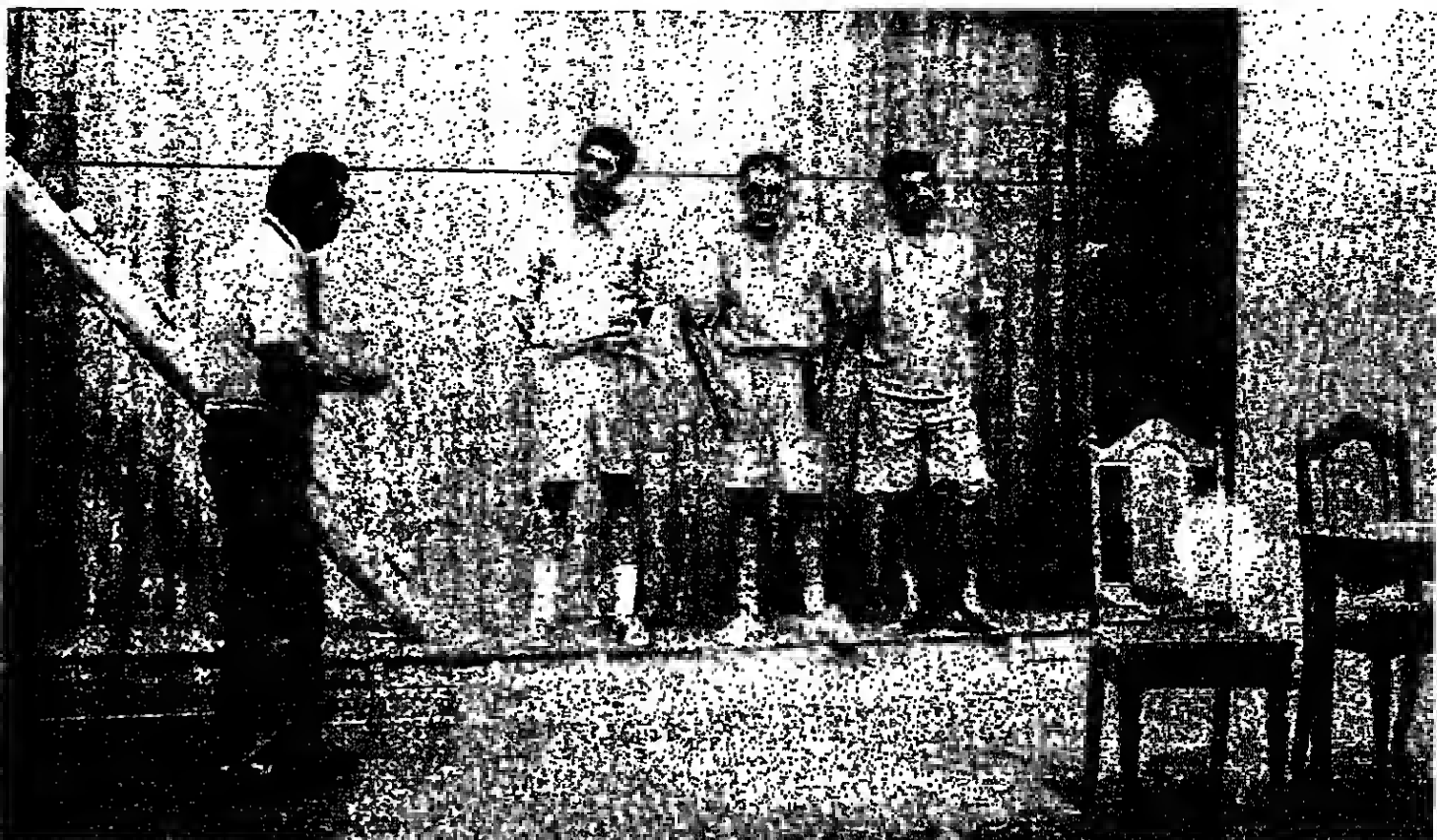
The three convicts were played by Paul Schaberger, Ken Frost and John Caldow. In Sam and Bella Spewack's play, the criminals help the Dulay family who find themselves in financial difficulty in French Guiana, South America in 1910. The Jubail play was produced by Andy Strauss.

The JRT's success in this comedy follows that of *'Arsenic and Old Lace'*, the group's first production, which more than 1,000 people attended. The theater group is now two productions old. It has already been recognized as an official group on site, with an elected governing board's official by-laws and financial stability.

The group's aim is to provide quality entertainment and utilize the talents of people living in Jubail.



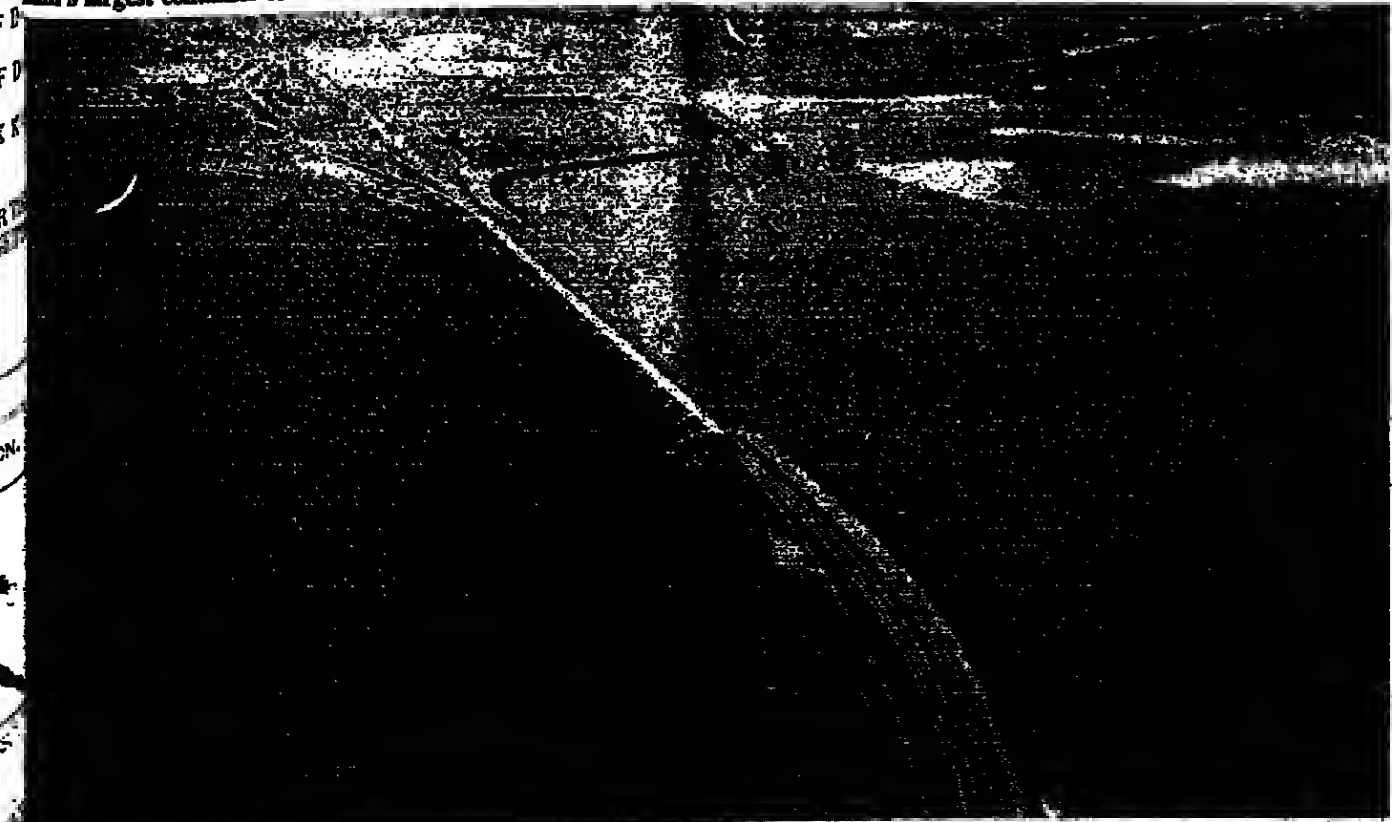
ACTION : The three convicts played by Paul Schaberger (left), Ken Frost (second from right) and John Caldow (right) provide criminal performances for Jubail audiences.



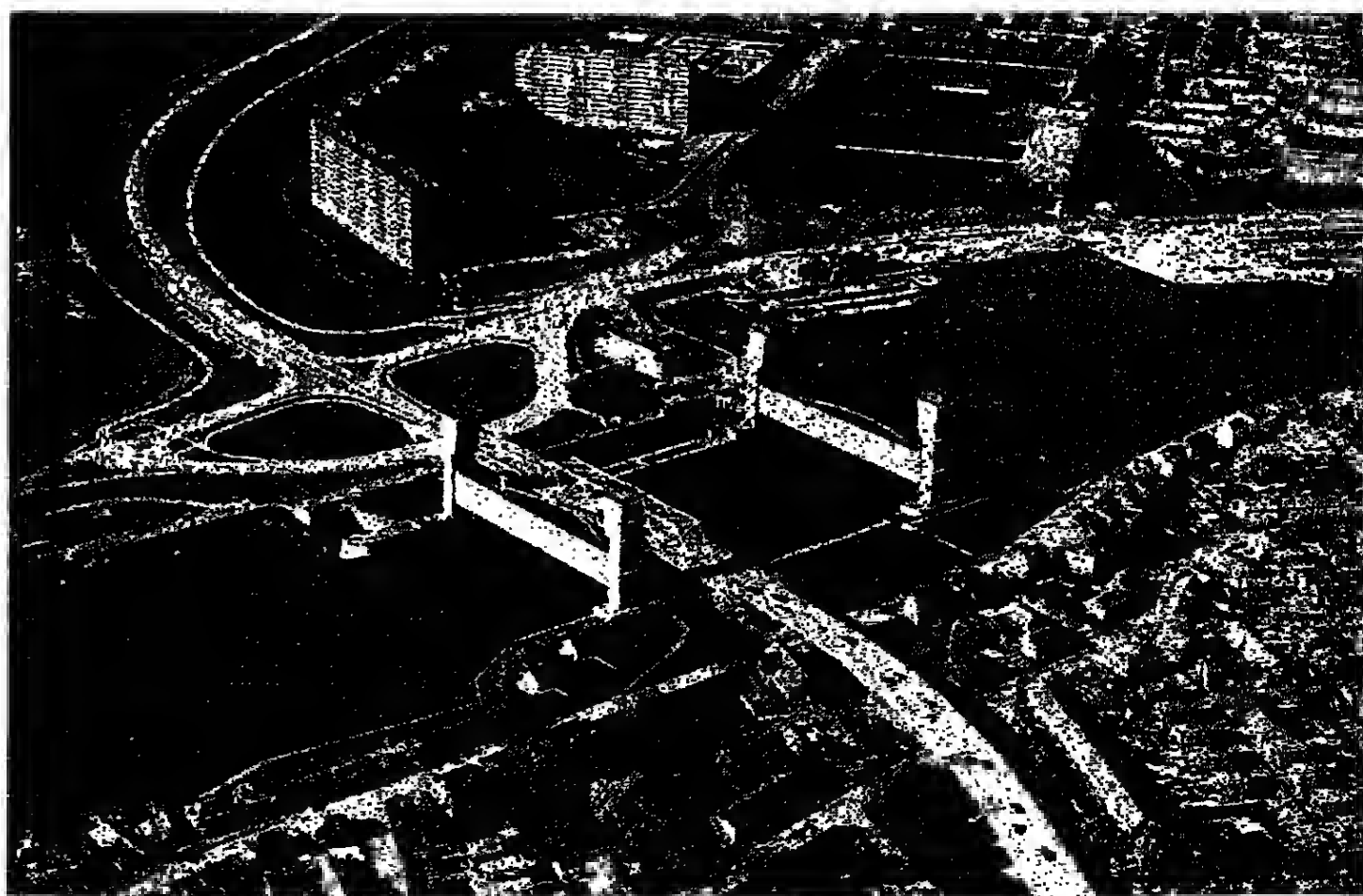
CAMERA : Jim Gross (left) in his role as Gaston Lemare. Gross never acted before, but decided to take up the challenge for the JRT performance.



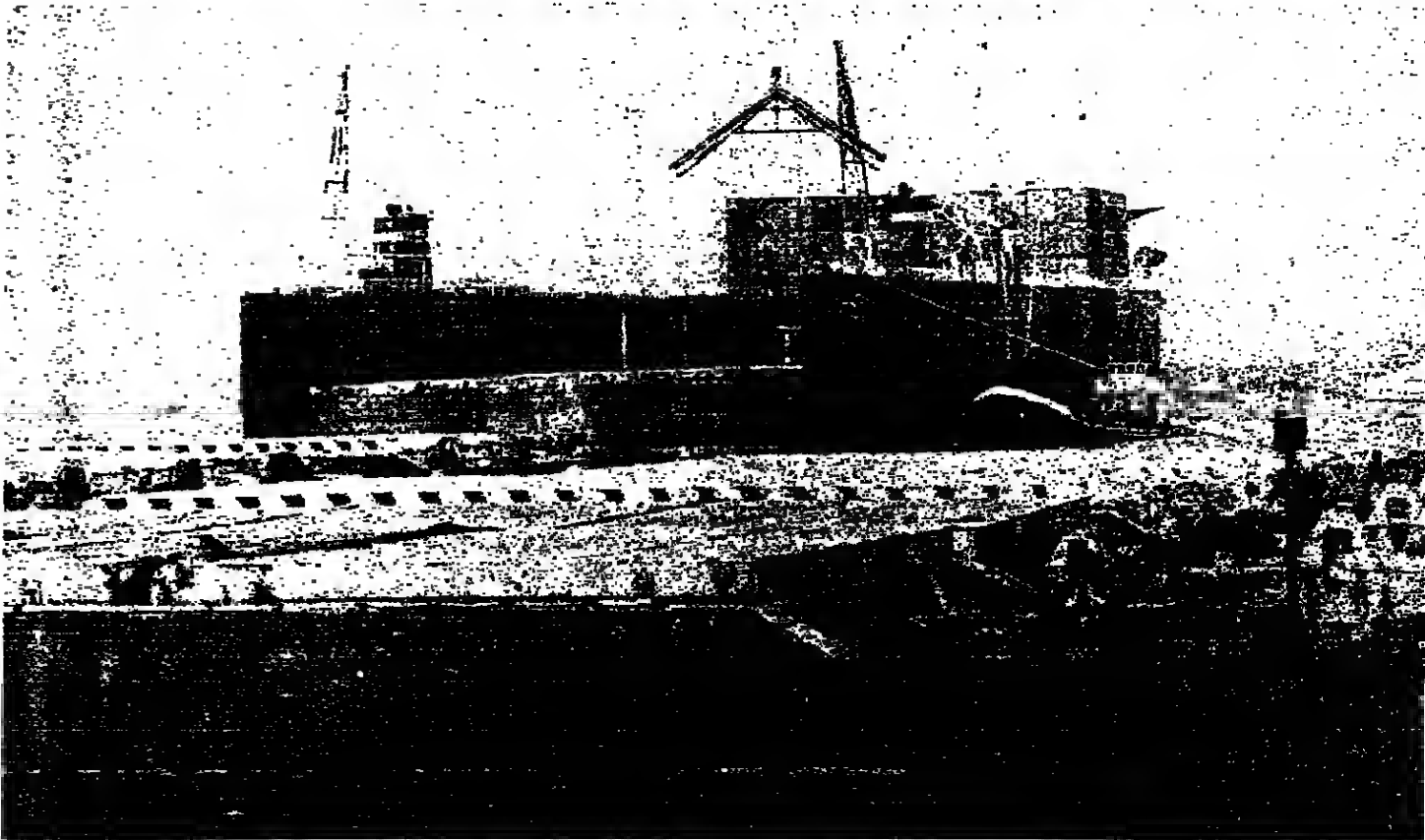
PORT : Rotterdam is one of the world's leading container ports. In 1977, the Port of Rotterdam handled 900,436 containers or 1.3 million TEU's. The total weight carried in containers amounted to 10.8 million tons. Bird's eye view of Europe Container Terminals, Rotterdam's largest container terminal.



WATER : The completed Haringvlietdam. The North Sea is on the left. Also visible is the part of the dam closed by using a cableway, the sluice complex and a greatly widened portion of the dam with the inner and outer harbors.



SAFETY : Flood barriers at Krimpen a/d IJssel near Rotterdam



TRANSPORT : A new type of LASH vessel recently started regular services between Saudi Arabia and Rotterdam.

Afghan fighters reject peace bid

NEW DELHI, April 30 (AP) — Afghan Muslim freedom fighters holding the Punsheer Valley northeast of Kabul have rejected government peace proposals after repulsing a massive offensive by Soviet and Afghan troops and killing about 100 Russians and capturing 57, according to a delayed report received here Wednesday from Afghanistan.

About 100 Soviet tanks and 100 armored personnel carriers were burned and destroyed in some of the heaviest fighting thus far between Russian soldiers and the "holy warriors," as the fighters call themselves, the report added.

Insurgent losses were not given in the information from a Kabul source that in the past has been reliable. Independent confirmation was not available.

The government-Soviet side followed its defeat with an unsuccessful attempt to negotiate a cease-fire involving temporary recognition of the freedom fighters rule in the long narrow valley. The fighters have been in control there almost since the first of the Marxist governments seized power in Afghanistan two years ago, the informant confirmed.

Ahmad Shah, identified as leader of the insurgents in Punsheer, 160 kilometers northeast of Kabul, was quoted as telling a 10-member government peace mission that armed resistance would continue so long as a single Russian soldier remains in Afghanistan.

The delayed report from Kabul said the mission, made up of members of the valley now working with President Babrak Karmal's government, were able to meet peacefully with Shah on April 20, following the retreat of government and Soviet forces. They returned empty handed, the report added.

During the fighting preceding the talks, Soviet forces lost two of three helicopters sent to pick up wounded and dead when the choppers landed near the town of Bazarak and found themselves ambushed by freedom fighters disguised in Russian uniforms, the report said.

Other delayed reports from Kabul told of strife involving efforts by Karmal's Parchamite faction of the ruling party to grab power in various organizations.

About 20 students were arrested and sev-

eral were injured when soldiers and police broke up an April 21 fight between Parchamite and other students at the Habibia High School in Kabul, a report said.

Two days later, the engineering and accounting departments of Ariana Afghan Airlines, the national carrier, went on strike to protest the appointment of unqualified Parchamites to high positions in the airline which is partly owned by Pan American, a report from Kabul said.

The strike delayed for six hours the departure of Ariana's DC-10 flight to Frankfurt, West Germany, and ended after top officials agreed to hear the complaints, the source said.

A traveler from Kabul Wednesday who said he witnessed student demonstrations Tuesday against the Soviet-installed government and Russian troops said that Afghan authorities fired into the air to disperse the protesters.

"Thousands of students marched through the streets until the authorities fired into the air," said the Kabul resident who asked not to be identified.

Another source from Kabul who also requested anonymity said that at least 120 high school and college students, mostly girls, were arrested following the demonstrations.

The traveler told a reporter that there were unconfirmed reports which said that several schoolchildren died in clashes later Tuesday.

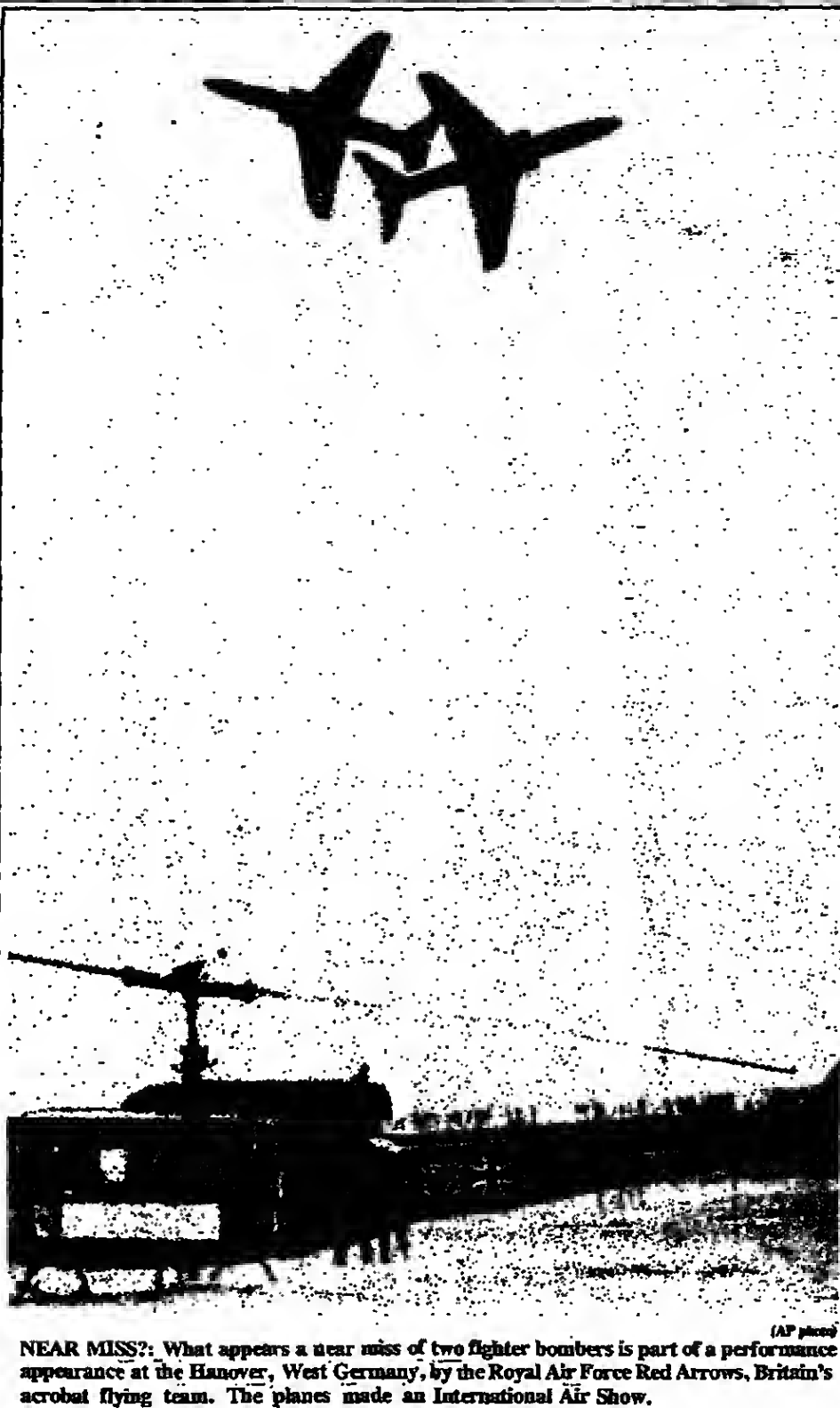
The traveler claimed there were no casualties in the incident, which occurred outside his house, a report received here on Tuesday quoted eyewitnesses as saying that some girls were bloodied.

The traveler said that the young protesters shouted, "Death to Babrak Karmal (the Soviet-backed Afghan president)."

He described the situation in Kabul as tense but refused to elaborate saying that he feared giving further information could endanger him.

These could be the largest mass protests in the Afghan capital since rioting late in February.

A reliable source from Afghanistan said that the women demonstrators shouted slogans taunting Afghan men for their "lack of masculinity" for not standing up to the Russians.



NEAR MISS?: What appears a near miss of two fighter bombers is part of a performance appearance at the Hanover, West Germany, by the Royal Air Force Red Arrows, Britain's acrobat flying team. The planes made an International Air Show. (AP photo)

Caution: design defects

A do-it-yourselfer's guide to U.S. budget repair

By Henry Petroski

DOWNS GROVE, Illinois, April 30 — The 1981 model U.S. budget is a 636-page tax-guzzler that began rolling off the assembly lines of the government printing office in late January. Within weeks, the document was discovered to contain serious design defects, and a massive recall program was initiated.

Potential hazards were associated with a critical part known as the bottom line, which possessed a negative value, called a deficit, thus rendering the whole budget unbalanced. This defect could cause adverse economic accelerators to jam at full throttle and burtle the whole economy full speed ahead into situations of runaway inflation.

Owners of unbalanced budgets are encouraged to take them to a nearby Federal Reserve Bank for corrective maintenance. Budget cuts and other simple adjustments will be made and errata will be pasted into the documents to bring them into conformity with economic safety standards.

For those who eschew errata, a more radical procedure to remove the budget deficit can be performed at home. The do-it-yourselfer is cautioned, however, that the U.S. budget is a precision instrument, and the careless citizen may suffer paper cuts and eyestrain attempting to balance it himself. But if he insists, the individual can follow these simple instructions:

1. Disassemble the budget completely and spread the parts out on a true level surface.
2. Group the parts into neat piles according to type: charts, tables, graphs, numbers, words.
3. Locate the two pie charts, representing receipts (dough in) and outlays (dough out). In the unbalanced budget, these most important parts resemble very unfairly sliced frozen pizzas topped with the works.
4. Discard the pizzas and wash the pie-chart pans thoroughly. Then set them aside to dry.
5. Using only enough words to make loose connections between bar graphs, columns of figures, and other numerical elements, assemble them all into a structure resembling a roof truss or government organization chart. This assembly is known as the bureaucratic structure and serves as the main supporting arm of a balanced budget.
6. Forget any unused words or numbers that did not fit into the bureaucratic structure.
7. Select a suitable fulcrum about which the bureaucratic structure can pivot. Any symbol of broad-based popular support, such as a souvenir model of the White House or the Capitol, is a good choice.
8. Carefully balance the bureaucratic structure on the White House flagpole, Capitol

dome or fulcrum of your choice.

9. Oil the fulcrum joint so that the bureaucratic structure will be disturbed by the slightest budgetary imbalance or will respond to the gentlest winds of change.

10. Prepare the critical pie charts by spreading equal amounts of dough out on tightly oiled pizza pans. Since the model FY1981 is an austere budget, no pizza sauce or topping should be used. Special decorator fasteners are to be used to complete the pizza-pie charts and attach them to the bureaucratic structure.

11. Open the budget-recall balancing kit (available at Federal Reserve Banks) and familiarize yourself with the contents: assorted screws, income taxes, Social Security taxes, corporate taxes, excise taxes, etc.

There is also a large supply of windfall-profits taxes, but these are to be set aside for future use.

12. Fasten the receipt pie-chart pan on the left end of the bureaucratic balance arm with tacks. Use one back of the appropriate kind for every billion dollars of revenue. If you are accurate and neat, your finished receipt pizza will be topped with about 600 tack heads arranged in sectors whose sizes are proportional to the revenue they represent. The biggest slice of pizza will be covered with more than 250 personal income taxes. It is a hard bite to swallow.

13. Now balance the budget by fastening the outlay pie-chart pan to the right end of the bureaucratic arm with the assorted screws. Use one helmet-head screw for each

billion dollars designated for defense, one Phillips-head screw for each billion dollars going to individuals named Phillip, and so forth. Soon the outlay pie chart will begin to resemble a green pepper-onion-sausage-anchovy pizza that nobody ordered.

14. When the screws and tacks exert equal pressures on the bureaucratic structure, it will assume a true horizontal position. Then your budget is balanced, and you can admire its subtle movements as the internal bureaucracy hums away and shuffles paper back and forth between the pizza-pie charts.

15. If your budget should become unbalanced during the fiscal year, you may be using too much oil. In that case, return to step 1 above. (NYT)



FREE AS A BIRD: Ted Giannoulas, better known as the San Diego Chicken, jumps for joy outside the country courthouse after a judge ruled that Giannoulas was not in contempt of court for wearing his chicken costume in the San Diego area. Giannoulas' former employer, a radio station for which he did publicity stunts, tried to crack down on his use of the costume. (AP photo)

Dollar rates hold firm; gold mixed

LONDON, April 30 (R) — The dollar remained basically firm on European foreign exchange markets Wednesday despite a rise in interest rates in West Germany. The price of gold fell in London and Zurich, but rose on other bullion markets.

Interest rates in the United States are still much higher, reflecting higher inflation, than those in West Germany and this has kept the dollar attractive to investors even though it has slipped a few times.

Gold sold for \$514.50 at close of business in London, down \$5.50 from the day before. In Zurich, Europe's largest gold market, the price was \$517.50, down from Tuesday's \$519.50.

In Hong Kong, Paris and Frankfurt, gold prices rose from the previous day.

The pound sterling dropped Wednesday, and dealers said they were uncertain why.

Some wondered whether the pound was affected by speculation on the markets that British interest rates may be cut this summer although there has been no official announcement on this.

The dollar traded at 1.785 West German marks Wednesday afternoon after the West German central bank announced an increase in its discount rate by 0.5 per cent to 7.5 per cent — a figure well below the 18.5 per cent prime lending rates charged by big American banks.

Before the news, the dollar had been trading at 1.8015 marks. Tuesday it closed in Europe at 1.7975 marks.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

	Wednesday	Tuesday
London	514.50	520.00
Paris	541.99	535.70
Frankfurt	520.99	514.55
Zurich	517.50	519.50
Hong Kong	509.97	506.81

Tito's health said improving

BELGRADE, April 30 (AP) — The condition of President Josip Broz Tito continues to improve, his team of eight doctors said Wednesday.

Two days after announcing that the 87-year-old Yugoslav leader had been pulled out of critical condition, Tito's physicians said treatment to a damaged liver was beginning to succeed and that his pneumonia was receding.

Wednesday's bulletin marked the first time Tito's doctors had announced an improvement in the unidentified damage to his liver. "The symptoms of liver impairment," they said, were "subsiding."

They added, however, that jaundice accompanying the liver damage was "still strongly pronounced."

The bulletin said difficulties regarding Tito's digestive functions were also "somewhat reduced" and his pneumonia likewise getting better. On Saturday, the daily medical advisory had said the president, who will be 88 next week, had developed serious malfunctioning of the digestive organs.

Wednesday's advisory said there was "no significant change" in the function of other organs. Tito is also suffering from internal bleeding and kidney failure.

Tito, the bulletin said as in previous days, "remains very grave."

Wednesday was Tito's 110th straight day in the Ljubljana Clinical Center in northwestern Yugoslavia where he has been since Jan. 12.

The announcement of an improvement in his condition came on the eve of a mass exodus of Yugoslav city dwellers to Adriatic coastal resorts and neighboring countries for the annual four-day May Day vacation period.

Travel agencies said many clients were expected to make late, hasty bookings and take last-minute cancellations following the good news reported by Tito's doctors.

Peking lists best films

PEKING, April 30 (AFP) — Communist China has revived its system of Oscars for best domestically-produced films awarded by the Ministry of Culture, the New China News Agency said Wednesday.

The agency listed some of the best documentaries of the year qualifying for the first awards since the Cultural Revolution, including a film on late Premier Chou En Lai titled *Premier Chou is Among Us* and another on the Chinese intervention in Vietnam last year called *Fight Back*, the only known film produced by the Chinese on the conflict, which has been screened in cinemas and on television several times in the past year.

Out of 65 films produced in China last year, 22 feature films were given prizes and awards also went to three cartoons and 15 scientific films. The meeting of the political consultative conference on the awards was chaired by Minister of Culture Huang Zhen, who called on film producers to expand on themes reflecting life in the countryside and about the revolutionary war period and to "raise the ideological level and artistic quality of films."

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

Go to deepest Amazonia. There find a ancient temple, any old temple. Dig around there for any place of writing, a potsherd or stone, on a piece of bari. Never mind these are meaningless squiggles as far as you can tell. Wrap the thin carefully and mail to the nearest expert. Then hasten to the Indus Valley and repeat the process, then to Upper Egypt then to Mesopotamia. Mail all the four stones, papyri, pottery, whatever, to the experts. Then let the translations come. But don't open the package yet. Sit back and relax a bit. You know what you're going to read, (assuming you haven't stumbled on merely the Chief Priest's ancient laundry list). What the sages will be found to say is clear. They have stopped saying it from that time till now. The Times Are Bad. The Young are Disrespectful. Women are getting Notion Short Measures in the Marketplace. Injustice in the Courts... The Times Are Bad. But — and here is the knife twisted in it wound — They Were Better Once...

Now you and I are no ancient sages (in modern ones for that matter, else, why am I doing writing this stuff and you reading it) and it would be too easy to scoff. But then, think a while. What if what the sages say is true, and not in a general sense, but in every particular. What if things real and truly, and not merely through a blurred vision of said sages, were going rack and ruin from day one, so the always, there were better times to look longingly back to. You don't believe me? Why not look at our lot, as the Arabs today, in comparison to how things were in the last three or four decades? (Dear me, here we go again, Ed.)

We don't need to go further back, to the days of the Conquest and the great civilization (Thank God for that anyway, Ed. Just back to the Twenties and Thirties when the Arabs struggled to stem the tide of Zionist immigration into Palestine while now they struggle for the Palestinians to be allowed back there. Or to the Forties when the Arabs fought to prevent the establishment of Israel, while the fight now for the integrity of their own countries. Or to the Fifties with all the ta (and the actions) around and toward Arabs unity, and compare it to now, when the very idea is anathema. Or to the Sixties when the shattering defeat of the Jews did not prevent the Arabs from issuing their famous Three No's. As compared to the Seventies when they (almost) we only to cave in and give up on each of the blessed No's. (That should do for now, Ed. Translated from Ashraf Al Awaad)

'Schiller law' frees Uruguay political outlaw

MONTEVIDEO, April 30 (AP) — Uruguay's military rulers, under pressure from a right-wing military regime in Brazil have begun to release foreigners jailed for terrorism or activity in the outlawed Communist party activity.

Among the first expelled from Uruguay under a month-old decree easing requirements was Flavia Schilling, a 34-year-old Brazilian whose case inspired a new law. She was released two years ago from home to Sao Paulo.

Authorities expelled three Spanish detainees as well, and diplomats said among the 11 other foreign political prisoners in Uruguay — five Spaniards, three Italians, a West German — would also be set free for having completed two-thirds of their terms.

The so-called "Flavia Schilling law" also meant freedom for many Uruguayans sentenced by court martial since the forces crushed a left-wing guerrilla war in the early 1970's, took control of the government in 1973 and outlawed the Communist party. Authorities say they are about 1,400 Uruguayans convicted of "crimes of sedition."

Miss Schilling, daughter of a prominent left-wing intelligence, was a 19-year-old first-year medical student in Montevideo the time of her arrest in June 1972. Her father, Paulo Schilling, had taken political asylum here following the 1964 military coup in Brazil.

After recovering from a bullet wound inflicted by arresting officers, she was victim of aiding the April 1972 jailbreak by women belonging to the Tupamaro group. A military court sentenced her to 15 years in prison and declared her a "security risk" ineligible for parole for at least 10 years.

When the time limit expired, Brazilian church leaders, journalists and human rights groups began clamoring for her release. Uruguay authorities did not act until appeal from the government of Brazil. President Joao B. Figueiredo, who took office last year and pardoned most forces of his own country.

Spelling out terms of parole for the time in court martial cases, the Uruguay law makes anyone sentenced to two years or less eligible for parole after serving half